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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014, ON PAGE 103.]**

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6 (GAVEL)

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I
9 ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. THIS MORNING WE WILL BE LED IN
10 OUR INVOCATION BY PASTOR ED LALAU, CARSON SAMOAN ASSEMBLY OF
11 GOD, CITY OF CARSON. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED
12 BY BOB ARCHULETA, CHAIRMAN OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY VETERANS
13 ADVISORY COMMISSION. PASTOR LALAU?

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15 **PASTOR ED LALAU:** LET US PRAY. FATHER, WE THANK YOU, LORD, FOR
16 THIS OPPORTUNITY, LORD. WE THANK YOU FOR NEW LIFE TODAY. LORD,
17 AS WE START THIS MEETING, WE CALL UPON YOU, LORD, TO BE WITH
18 US, TO LEAD US, TO GUIDE US. LORD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTY OF
19 SUPERVISORS, LORD, THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM. WE PRAY
20 THAT YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM PEACE, PATIENCE, WISDOM AND
21 UNDERSTANDING, LORD, SO THEY COULD CONTINUE TO LEAD THIS
22 BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. LORD, WE JUST PRAY THAT YOU JUST CONTINUE TO
23 BLESS THEM, THEIR HOMES AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO LET THIS
24 MEETING START WITH YOU, LORD, AND MAY IT END WITH YOU. MAY YOU
25 BLESS ALL OF US HERE TODAY, IN YOUR NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

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2 **BOB ARCHULETA:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS WE HONOR OUR MEN AND
3 WOMEN IN UNIFORM, AND ESPECIALLY, WE MUST THINK OF OUR
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM, AND,
5 PLEASE, THOSE WHO SERVED, PLEASE RENDER A HAND SALUTE. LADIES
6 AND GENTLEMEN, PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART, AND PLEASE SAY
7 WITH ME THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
8 RECITED.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES, I'M DELIGHTED
13 TODAY THAT WE HAVE WITH US PASTOR EDWARD LALAU, WHO SERVES AT
14 THE SAMOAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF GOD RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COUNTY
15 IN THE CITY OF CARSON. NEWLY ELECTED IN THAT CAPACITY, YOU
16 WILL WISH TO KNOW HE GRADUATED FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF GOD SCHOOL
17 OF MINISTRY IN 2012. PRIOR TO WORKING IN THE MINISTRY,
18 FORMERLY HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT THE WILMINGTON
19 BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB. HE'S ALSO SERVED IN THE CAPACITY OF
20 HEAD COACH OF FOOTBALL AT BANNING HIGH SCHOOL IN WILMINGTON,
21 CALIFORNIA. HE'S MARRIED TO NINA LALAU AND IS FATHER OF ONE
22 DAUGHTER, SEIA. AND WE WANT TO SAY TO YOU THIS MORNING, PASTOR
23 LALAU, THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION AND WE WISH
24 YOU GODSPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S MY HONOR THIS
4 MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO PICO
5 RIVERA COUNCILMAN, BOB ARCHULETA, WHO SERVES AS WELL AS
6 CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY
7 COMMISSION. FROM 1963 TO 1966 BOB SERVED AS A PARATROOPER WITH
8 THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AFTER
9 HIS MILITARY SERVICE, BOB BECAME A VIGOROUS ADVOCATE FOR
10 VETERANS, INCLUDING SERVICE WITH THE ARMY ADVISORY BOARD FOR
11 MILITARY RECRUITMENT, THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND THE
13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS. IN 2012, PRESIDENT
14 OBAMA APPOINTED HIM TO THE PRESTIGIOUS BOARD OF VISITORS OF
15 THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY. SO, BOB, WE WANT TO THANK
16 YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR PATRIOTISM TO OUR COUNTRY, YOUR MANY YEARS
17 OF DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVICE, AND OF COURSE ALL THAT YOU DO IN
18 YOUR LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS.
19 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE WILL
22 PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA

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1 ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
2 COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 6-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THERE IS A
3 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 2-D, THERE IS ALSO A
8 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON 5-D
9 AND 6-D, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
10 HOLD THESE ITEMS AND THE REMAINING TWO ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
13 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE
14 THE ORDER.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
17 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM NO. 1-H,
18 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
19 ITEM. ITEM NO. 2-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE OTHER ITEM MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
22 MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE-- EXCUSE
2 ME. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
3 DISTRICT ITEM NO. 1-P, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
6 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NO. 1, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS
12 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
13 ON ITEM NO. 4, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S A
15 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
16 NO. 10, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
17 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO SUPERVISOR
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM
20 BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NO. 14, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
21 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 14, CONSENT CALENDAR,
6 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 51, ON ITEM NO. 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS NO. 20 AND
8 21, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE
9 PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 23, THERE'S ALSO A
10 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
11 NO. 25, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
12 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 29, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30, THE
14 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO APRIL 15, 2014. ON ITEM NO. 32, THERE'S
16 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON
17 ITEM NO. 34, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
18 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 42, THERE'S A REQUEST
19 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEMS
20 NUMBER-- EXCUSE ME ON ITEM NO. 46, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
21 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
22 NO. 47, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
23 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 49, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
24 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BEING CONTINUED
25 ONE WEEK TO APRIL 15, 2014.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 50, AS INDICATED ON
5 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS
6 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 22.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 51, THERE'S
11 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND
12 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
16 SO BE THE ORDER.

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 33, SEPARATE MATTERS, ON
19 ITEM NO. 52, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER/CORONER REQUESTS THAT THIS
20 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO APRIL 22, 2014.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 53, THIS IS A
25 DISCUSSION ITEM. AND WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. AND THAT

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1 WILL BE HELD ALONG WITH ITEM NO. 13. ON PAGE 34,
2 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
3 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 54-A, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A
6 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE ITEM. IF WE
7 COULD GO BACK, MR. CHAIRMAN, I APOLOGIZE, BUT ON ITEM NO. 2,
8 ON THE AGENDA, IF I COULD GET A SEPARATE VOTE ON THAT ITEM.
9 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT ABSTENTION, MOVED BY
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND WITH THE ONE
13 ABSTENTION RECORDED, SO ORDERED.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
16 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
17 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV? OKAY. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO ASK
20 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE LACEY, TO JOIN ME UP HERE, ALONG
21 WITH THEIR CHIEF DEPUTY SHARON MATSUMOTO, ASSISTANT DISTRICT
22 ATTORNEY PAMELA BOOTH AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR DONNA WILLS. WE ARE
23 HERE TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK WHICH IS
24 APRIL 6TH THROUGH THE 12TH. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS 30 YEARS,
25 RESTORING THE BALANCE OF JUSTICE. IT IS AN HONOR TO RECOGNIZE

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1 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND
2 DEDICATION TO RIGHTS, VICTIMS' RIGHTS THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT
3 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. JOINING THEM ARE SOME FOLKS WHO ARE
4 BEING HONORED, AS WELL, TODAY, FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL WORK ON
5 BEHALF OF VICTIMS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. VICTOR RODRIGUEZ WHO
6 IS THE ASSISTANT HEAD DEPUTY IN THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION OF THE
7 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. MARGARITE RIZZO, DEPUTY IN CHARGE
8 OF THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SECTION. MICHELLE GUYMON, DIRECTOR FOR
9 THE MINOR SEX-TRAFFICKING PROJECT AND THE PROBATION
10 DEPARTMENT. SANDOR SAMUELS, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. AT BET
11 TZEDEK, THE HOUSE OF JUSTICE AND MYRNA JACKSON, DIRECTOR OF
12 OPERATIONS OF THE COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND
13 TRAFFICKING. THESE HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED FOLKS STRIVE
14 EACH DAY TO REPRESENT AND LESSEN THE RIGHTS AND STRUGGLES OF
15 CRIME VICTIMS AND EACH OF THEM WORK TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC
16 AWARENESS IN EACH AREA OF THEIR EXPERTISE. WITHOUT THESE
17 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, MANY VICTIMS' VOICES WOULD BE
18 SILENCED AND THERE WOULD BE NO ONE TO STAND UP FOR THEM EACH
19 DAY TO SEE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE. THEY DEDICATE VAST HOURS,
20 MANY HOURS, AND KNOWLEDGE, MUCH OF WHICH WE ALL NEVER KNOW
21 ABOUT. SO IT IS MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE EACH ONE OF THEM FOR
22 ALL THEY DO. AND ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
23 AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE ON THE BOARD. WE ALSO WANT TO TAKE A
24 MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BECAUSE AS
25 ALL OF YOU KNOW, THEY WORK TIRELESSLY EACH AND EVERY DAY TO

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1 ASSIST CRIME VICTIMS AND LITERALLY STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS.
2 THEY HAVE A NEVER-ENDING JOB. AND THEY STRIVE EACH DAY TO EASE
3 THE TRAUMA AND SEEK JUSTICE ON THESE VICTIMS' BEHALVES. SO
4 FIRST OF ALL WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT A SCROLL TO VICTOR
5 RODRIGUEZ. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT MARGARITE RIZZO. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT
6 MICHELLE GUYMON. [APPLAUSE.] BET TZEDEK. [APPLAUSE.] THEN
7 NEXT, THE COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING.
8 [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW TO OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE LACEY.
9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE. THE 2014 NATIONAL
12 VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK THEME IS "30 YEARS RESTORING THE BALANCE
13 OF JUSTICE." IT ENCOURAGES US TO LOOK BACK AT THE
14 EXTRAORDINARY PROGRESS MADE SINCE THE VICTIMS' RIGHTS MOVEMENT
15 GAINED MOMENTUM BY PASSING OF THE HISTORIC VICTIMS OF CRIMES
16 ACT IN 1984. TODAY, CRIME VICTIMS IN CALIFORNIA HAVE BOTH
17 STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS THAT ARE MANDATED TO BE
18 HONORED AND PROTECTED NO LESS VIGOROUSLY THAN THOSE OF
19 DEFENDANTS FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES. AND THAT IS PENAL CODE
20 SECTION 679. DURING VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE
21 RESILIENCE AND VALOR OF MILLIONS OF CRIME VICTIMS EVERYWHERE,
22 AND WE HONOR THE DEDICATION OF THEIR ALLIES WHO WORK SO
23 DILIGENTLY ON THEIR BEHALF. BY ITS PROCLAMATION, THE BOARD
24 REAFFIRMS TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ITS
25 COMMITMENT TO STAND WITH CRIME VICTIMS. FOR OVER 37 YEARS, THE

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1 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS
2 PROVIDED ADVOCACY, SUPPORT AND COMPENSATION TO HELP VICTIMS
3 BECOME SURVIVORS. V.W.A.P. EMPLOYEES, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND
4 AND BE RECOGNIZED? [APPLAUSE.] THESE ARE ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES
5 FROM OUR OFFICE WHO HELP VICTIMS EVERY DAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
6 THIS WEEK IS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE'S OPPORTUNITY TO
7 RECOGNIZE AND THANK OUR VALUED PARTNERS WHO WORK WITH US TO
8 OBTAIN JUSTICE FOR CRIME VICTIMS. THE VICTIM WITNESS
9 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD COMMEND THE
10 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY COMMENDED FOR
11 SERVICES PROVIDED FOR SEEKING JUSTICE, PROTECTING VICTIMS'
12 RIGHTS AND HELPING VICTIMS TO HEAL. VICTOR RODRIGUEZ. HE IS
13 THE ASSISTANT HEAD DEPUTY OF SEX CRIMES DIVISION. MOST OF
14 VICTOR'S 23 YEARS HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO VINDICATING DOMESTIC
15 VIOLENCE, CHILD ABUSE AND SEX CRIME VICTIMS. AS A FAMILY
16 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LINE PROSECUTOR, VICTOR TENACIOUSLY
17 PROSECUTED COMPLICATED CHILD DEATHS AND HIGH PROFILE HOMICIDE
18 CASES. AS DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF THE NORWALK VICTIM IMPACT
19 PROGRAM TEAM AND SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION,
20 VICTOR HAD MENTORED AND INSPIRED MANY PROSECUTORS AND
21 INVESTIGATORS TO CHAMPION JUSTICE FOR THESE VULNERABLE
22 VICTIMS. VICTOR, PLEASE STEP FORWARD SO THEY CAN SEE YOU
23 AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.] MARGARITE RIZZO, DEPUTY IN CHARGE OF OUR
24 FORENSIC SCIENCE SECTION. AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S TOP
25 EXPERT ON THE USE OF D.N.A. IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND

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1 PROSECUTIONS, MARGARITE'S EXPERTISE IN THIS COMPLICATED FIELD
2 IN FORENSIC SCIENCE HAS HELPED SOLVE AND ENHANCE EVIDENCE ON
3 BOTH RECENT AND COLD CASES. MARGARITE DEMYSTIFIES THE SCIENCE
4 OF D.N.A. AND MAKES ITS EVIDENTIARY VALUE UNDERSTANDABLE TO
5 INVESTIGATORS, PROSECUTORS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, JURORS. SHE
6 HELPED PIONEER THE INNOVATIVE CRIME JUSTICE EXPANSION INTO
7 FAMILIAL D.N.A. TO IDENTIFY SUSPECTS. MARGARITE, WOULD YOU
8 PLEASE STEP FORWARD? [APPLAUSE.] MICHELLE GUYMON, DIRECTOR
9 PLACEMENT SERVICES BUREAU PROBATION DEPARTMENT. MICHELLE HAS A
10 DISTINGUISHED CAREER DEDICATED TO ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN AT
11 RISK. MICHELLE IS AN ACCLAIMED EXPERT AND FREQUENT
12 PRESENTER/TRAINER ON SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN. AS PROJECT
13 MANAGER OF PROBATION'S DOMESTIC MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING PROGRAM
14 AND THE LEAD ON THE TEAM TASKED WITH THE COOPERATIVE RESPONSE
15 TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MICHELLE IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR HER
16 LEADERSHIP IN COORDINATING CRIMINAL JUSTICE STAKEHOLDERS TO
17 RECLASSIFY TRAFFICKED YOUTHS AS VICTIMS INSTEAD OF OFFENDERS.
18 PLEASE GIVE MICHELLE A HAND. [APPLAUSE.] BET TZEDEK, THE HOUSE
19 OF JUSTICE, WAS FOUNDED IN 1974. THIS LEGAL TEAM SEEKS TO ACT
20 UPON A CENTRAL TENET OF JEWISH LAW AND TRADITION: JUSTICE,
21 JUSTICE, YOU SHALL PURSUE. THIS DOCTRINE ESTABLISHES AN
22 OBLIGATION TO ADVOCATE THE JUST CAUSES OF THE POOR AND
23 HELPLESS. CONSISTENT WITH ITS NAME, BET TZEDEK'S STAFF HAS
24 BEEN PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE LEGAL SERVICES FOR OVER 15,000
25 NEEDY CLIENTS EACH YEAR, INCLUDING MANY ELDER ABUSE, FAMILY

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1 VIOLENCE AND CONSUMER FRAUD AND REAL ESTATE FRAUD VICTIMS OF
2 CRIME REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND. THANK
3 YOU. PLEASE STEP FORWARD AND RECOGNIZE HIM. [APPLAUSE.]
4 FINALLY, WE HAVE THE COALITION TO ABOLISH SLAVERY AND
5 TRAFFICKING, C.A.S.T. C.A.S.T. PROVIDES A LEGAL, EMOTIONAL AND
6 SUPPORTIVE HAVEN FOR VICTIMS OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY. MEN, WOMEN
7 AND CHILDREN ARE HIDDEN AWAY, FORTRESSED IN SWEAT SHOPS AND
8 UNDERGROUND SEX PARLORS. THEY ARE ALSO IN PLAIN SIGHT, TOILING
9 IN THE FINEST HOMES AND RESTAURANTS AND SELLING SEX ON PUBLIC
10 STREETS. THE CARING AND DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS AT C.A.S.T.
11 PURPOSELY AND PASSIONATELY STRIVE TO UNCOVER, RESCUE AND
12 ASSIST VICTIMS OF FORCED SERVITUDE, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND
13 PHYSICAL CAPTIVITY. THANK YOU, C.A.S.T. THERE'S A MEMBER HERE.
14 [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES AND THANK
15 YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. THANK
16 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, I'M GOING TO BE JOINED IN THIS
19 PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IN RECOGNITION
20 OF NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP
21 JUDY SEAL, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LONG BEACH
22 EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND ARIVA MARTIN, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
23 OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK THE
24 LONG BEACH EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND VERIZON FOR COLLABORATING
25 WITH THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LONG BEACH CITY

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1 COLLEGE, AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH THROUGH THEIR SEAMLESS
2 EDUCATION TO INCREASE AUTISM AWARENESS IN THE GREATER LONG
3 BEACH COMMUNITY. THEIR ONGOING COLLABORATION AMONG FAMILY,
4 SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND IT'S VERY
5 CRITICAL IN ADDRESSING THE AUTISM EPIDEMIC. IT IS ESSENTIAL
6 THAT CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM ARE DIAGNOSED EARLY AND
7 PROVIDED WITH EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS AND TREATMENTS TO
8 REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. NOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO
9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO INTRODUCE HIS GROUP.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
12 AND COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US BOTH ARIVA MARTIN
13 AND ANTONIA ROUT. THEY WORK EXTREMELY HARD ON THE MATTER THAT
14 IS BEFORE US. WE'RE ALL AWARE THAT EARLY INTERVENTION AND
15 IDENTIFICATION CAN PROVIDE LIFE CHANGING HELP TO CHILDREN WITH
16 AUTISM. FOUNDED IN 2005, SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK HAS BEEN
17 RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED
18 RESOURCES FOCUSING ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND
19 AWARENESS AS WELL AS OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY. THEIR PROGRAMS
20 HAVE PROVIDED RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO MORE THAN 20,000
21 FAMILIES TO DATE, EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL NEEDS
22 NETWORK AS THE PREMIER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTHERN
23 PORTION OF OUR COUNTY, SPECIFICALLY SOUTH LOS ANGELES, WORKING
24 ON ISSUES OF AUTISM AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.
25 AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT THEY ARE HERE TODAY. THEY ARE

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1 PARTICIPANTS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK'S SOUTH L.A. GETS
2 FIT PROGRAM. THESE INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED THE HOLLYWOOD HALF
3 MARATHON. THEY REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE
4 COMMITMENT TO GETTING FIT AND HOW TO LEAD A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.
5 AND WE WILL ASK THAT THE PARTICIPANTS IN THAT EFFORT, IF THEY
6 WOULD JUST STAND SO WE COULD GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
7 IF YOU WERE INVOLVED IN GETTING FIT, SHOW THEM SOME LOVE.
8 [APPLAUSE.] WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR
10 PRESENCE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY, YOUR COMMITMENT AND
11 YOUR STEADFASTNESS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SPECIAL NEEDS
12 NETWORK IS IN THE HOUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUDY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING?

15

16 **JUDY SEAL:** I'M SO PLEASED TO REPRESENT THE LONG BEACH
17 EDUCATION FOUNDATION, LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CITY
18 COLLEGE AND CAL STATE LONG BEACH. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS AND IN PARTICULAR DON KNABE FOR HIS SUPPORT, HIS
20 BELIEF IN AND HIS RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND OTHERS ON THE
21 AUTISM SPECTRUM. IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE. THANK YOU SO
22 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SPEAKER:** JUST THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
25 ALWAYS RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK. THE

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1 INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU INTRODUCED A LITTLE EARLIER REPRESENT
2 ABOUT 20 MEMBERS OF AN 83-MEMBER TEAM. AND WE CHALLENGE THESE
3 MEMBERS, MOMS AND ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS FOR AUTISM, TO WALK
4 OR RUN 3,000 MILES TO EXHIBIT HEALTHY HABITS AND TO HELP US
5 KICK OFF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. AND I'M SO PROUD TO STAND
6 HERE TODAY TO SAY THESE BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS AND JUST
7 DEDICATED ADVOCATES EXCEEDED THAT 3,000-MILE CHALLENGE AND
8 ACTUALLY WALKED AND/OR RAN 5,734 MILES! SO I JUST WANT TO GIVE
9 THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] I'M HERE WITH OUR
10 COACH TODAY WHO HELPED US ALL, COACH DEON. ANTONIA HELPED US
11 GET IN SHAPE TO SHOW THAT IN SOUTH L.A., HEALTH MATTERS. WE
12 BELIEVE THAT HEALTH IS WEALTH. AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF WE CAN
13 CREATE HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS, HEALTHY FAMILIES, WE CAN HELP OUR
14 KIDS WITH AUTISM HAVE HEALTHIER LIVES. SO THANK YOU AGAIN,
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR RECOGNIZING AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
16 IN THE COUNTY AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF OUR DEDICATED
17 ADVOCATES, MOMS AND PARENTS WHO EVERY DAY PUT BOOTS ON THE
18 GROUND TO MAKE SURE OUR KIDS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES HAVE ACCESS
19 TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU ALL, THE
22 ADVOCATES, FOR BEING HERE AS WELL TODAY. THANK YOU FOR WHAT
23 YOU DO EACH AND EVERY DAY. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO INVITE DR.
24 JONATHAN FIELDING, OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND LISA
25 GARRETT, OUR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, TO JOIN US UP HERE. EACH

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1 YEAR, THE COUNTY CELEBRATES PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK TO REMIND US
2 ALL TO JOIN IN THE EFFORT TO PROMOTE GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH
3 PRACTICES. THIS YEAR'S PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK WILL TAKE PLACE, IT
4 STARTED YESTERDAY THROUGH THE 13TH, WITH THE THEME OF
5 "PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU." SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D
6 LIKE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO DR. FIELDING, WHO HAS JOINED US
7 TODAY, TO HELP PROCLAIM PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AND ALSO LIKE TO
8 RECOGNIZE LISA GARRETT, WHO IS HERE TO HELP US LAUNCH THE 2014
9 COUNTY-WIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE, WHICH WILL BE OUR KICKOFF OF
10 OUR PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATION.

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE AND THE REST
13 OF THE BOARD, IN HELPING US IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE
14 HEALTH AND PROTECT THE HEALTH OF EVERY RESIDENT OF THIS GREAT
15 COUNTY. PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK CELEBRATES OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT
16 EVERYBODY, TO PREVENT DISEASE AND TO PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELL-
17 BEING. EVERY DAY, THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY BENEFIT
18 FROM THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PUBLIC HEALTH, SUCH AS
19 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND FOLLOW UP, HEALTH
20 EDUCATION, AND BEING FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE TIME OF
21 EMERGENCIES. AND THESE ARE REALLY ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS TO MAKE
22 SURE WE LIVE IN A PLACE THAT'S SAFE AND HEALTHY. THIS YEAR'S
23 THEME IS "PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU" AND HIGHLIGHTS THE
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTION WITHIN COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE
25 COMMUNITIES CAN REALLY IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF EVERY ONE OF

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1 THEIR RESIDENTS. AND WE'RE PROUD OF OUR WORK WITH COMMUNITIES
2 AND WITH NONTRADITIONAL PARTNERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING
3 OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT, PARKS
4 AND RECREATION AND OTHERS THAT ALL AFFECT THE HEALTH OF
5 COMMUNITIES. AND WE'RE PARTICULARLY PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROMOTE APRIL AS EMPLOYEE
7 HEALTH AND FITNESS MONTH AND TO HELP LAUNCH THE 2014 COUNTY-
8 WIDE FITNESS CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL OF
9 YOU TO ATTEND THE KICKOFF, WHICH IS GOING TO HAPPEN RIGHT
10 OUTSIDE AT GRAND PARK FROM 11 TO 2 TODAY. AND THEN I WOULD
11 ALSO ENCOURAGE EVERY COUNTY RESIDENT TO ATTEND THE COMMUNITY
12 PUBLIC HEALTH EXPO ON FRIDAY FROM 10 TO 3 AT THE LA PLACITA
13 NEAR OLIVERA STREET. AND THIS IS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY
14 OF LOS ANGELES. SO, MY THANKS TO THE BOARD FOR THEIR GREAT
15 SUPPORT AND WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT
16 AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

17
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, DR. FIELDING.
19 THANK YOU, LISA. SHE'S GOING TO SAVE HER COMMENTS FOR NEXT
20 WEEK BECAUSE WE VE GOT THE BIG KICKOFF. LET'S GIVE THEM A
21 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] MARK?

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I
24 CALL SHANE JENKINS, ED COCKRELL AND SALVADOR PACACH TO THE
25 PODIUM, ALONG WITH DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. WE ARE PROCLAIMING

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1 APRIL 10 AS NATIONAL YOUTH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY IN
2 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WHERE EVERYONE SHOULD EDUCATE
3 THEMSELVES AND OTHERS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ,
4 ITS IMPACT ON YOUTH AGES 13 THROUGH 24. THIS IS THE FIRST
5 GENERATION TO HAVE NEVER KNOWN A WORLD WITHOUT H.I.V./A.I.D.S.
6 AGES 13 TO 24 ACCOUNT FOR ONE-FOURTH OF ALL NEW H.I.V.
7 DIAGNOSES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND EVERY MONTH 1,000 YOUNG
8 PEOPLE ARE INFECTED WITH H.I.V. THIS NUMBER'S STARTLING AND WE
9 CAN CHANGE IT AND WE MUST CHANGE IT NOW. IF WE ARE SERIOUS
10 ABOUT CREATING A A.I.D.S.-FREE GENERATION, OUR YOUTH NEED TO
11 KNOW AND UNDERSTAND HOW H.I.V. IS BOTH TRANSMITTED AND
12 PREVENTED. WE NEED TO LISTEN AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT
13 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE DONE AROUND THE ISSUE OF RAISING
14 AWARENESS, ABOUT CONDOM USAGE, RISK FACTORS, PREVENTION
15 TECHNIQUES AND WHERE YOU CAN GO TO SEEK AND FIND TREATMENT. WE
16 HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HOSTING
17 INNOVATIVE AND NECESSARY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR OUR
18 YOUTH ON THE DAIS HERE TODAY, THEY ARE EXCEPTIONAL. SHANE IS
19 THE SCHOOL SUBCOMMITTEE COCHAIR FOR CONNECT TO PROTECT LOS
20 ANGELES AND WILL BE ACCEPTING THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THOSE
21 WHO ARE HERE. CONNECT TO PROTECT IS AN ORGANIZATION WITH 14
22 SITES-- WITH 14 CITIES AND SITES CROSS THE U.S. THIS COALITION
23 MOBILIZES OVER 30 AGENCIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CREATE
24 STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO PREVENTING THE
25 SPREAD OF H.I.V. AMONG YOUTH. IN ITS 12TH YEAR, THE COALITION

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1 CONTINUES TO STRIVE TO REDUCE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THE SECOND
2 DISTRICT AND IN PARTICULAR S.P.A. 6. SALVADOR, A LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY NATIVE BORN AT M.L.K. HOSPITAL, IS A DEDICATED
4 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ACTIVIST WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED WITH
5 CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS AND BEEN A STAR TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY
6 COMPETENT H.I.V./A.I.D.S. INFORMATION TO COMMUNITIES AT LARGE.
7 HE IS ONE OF TWO YOUNG AMBASSADORS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
8 ANGELES. AND, FINALLY, ED IS THE SECOND YOUNG AMBASSADOR, WHO
9 IS A YOUNG MAN WHO IS H.I.V. POSITIVE WHO HAS WORKED WITH MANY
10 ORGANIZATIONS, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND HAS HAD A TREMENDOUS
11 IMPACT IN HIS OWN WITNESSES. AND SO WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO GET
12 TESTED AND RECEIVE CARE FOR THEIR DIAGNOSIS. AND SO WE WANT TO
13 PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO SAY TO THEM THAT WE AFFIRM THEM, THAT
14 WE SUPPORT THEM, AND WE WISH TO SEEK EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS GENERATION GROWS HEALTHIER AND, INDEED,
16 HELPS WITH THE ERADICATION OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SO GIVE THESE
17 YOUNG MEN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WE APPRECIATE YOUNG MEN AND
18 WOMEN. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SALVADOR PACACH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF OF ADULT ALLIES
21 AND OTHER YOUTH LEADERS INCLUDING YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF
22 NATIONAL H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AWARENESS DAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WE
23 HUMBLY ACCEPT THESE SCROLLS AND COMMIT TO CONTINUE EDUCATING
24 YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE IMPACT OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S., AND ALSO COMMIT

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1 TO SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ESPECIALLY
2 SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DR. JONATHAN FIELDING?

5

6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS THE SUPERVISOR
7 SAID, THIS IS THE FIRST GENERATION THAT HAS NEVER KNOWN A
8 WORLD WITHOUT H.I.V. EXCUSE ME-- WITHOUT H.I.V./A.I.D.S., AND
9 WE ARE THE SECOND LARGEST EPICENTER OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN THE
10 UNITED STATES. LOCALLY, NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF NEW H.I.V. CASES
11 ARE AMONG YOUNG ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 10 AND 29. OUR
12 EPIDEMIC PARTICULARLY AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS COMMUNITIES OF
13 COLOR, ESPECIALLY LATINOS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS, TRANSGENDER
14 PERSONS, YOUTH, PARTICULARLY YOUNG AND GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN
15 AND THOSE WHO MAY NOT IDENTIFY AS GAY AND ALSO AMONG WOMEN,
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINAS. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR
17 LIVES INSPIRE ALL OF US WITH THEIR COMMITMENT TO ENDING THIS
18 PANDEMIC ONCE AND FOR ALL. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE SECOND ANNUAL NATIONAL YOUTH
20 H.I.V. AWARENESS DAY. AND I JOIN HIM IN COMMENDING CONNECT TO
21 PROTECT L.A., ITS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND OUR DEDICATED YOUTH
22 AMBASSADORS ED COCKRELL AND SALVADOR PACACH FOR THEIR
23 OUTSTANDING WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE NATIONAL YOUTH H.I.V.
24 AWARENESS DAY IS A SUCCESS. GET INVOLVED, KNOW YOUR STATUS,
25 AND HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF H.I.V. BECAUSE THAT'S THE FINAL

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1 WORD. THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO END THIS PANDEMIC NOW. THANK
2 YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
5 PRESENTATIONS? ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS WHO SIGNED
6 UP ON MULTIPLE ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
7 21, 23, 29, 32, 47 AND 54-A. ARNOLD SACHS, 1-D, 2-D, 18, 20,
8 25, 54-A. AND MR. ERIC PREVEN, 1-D, 5-D, 6-D, 6, 10, 20, 21,
9 25, 42, 47, 54-A. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND A
12 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3 AND ALSO A CANDIDATE IN THE THIRD
13 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT RACE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. TODAY-- OR
14 ACTUALLY, IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, ON APRIL 6TH THERE WAS AN
15 ARTICLE IN THE "NEW YORK TIMES" ABOUT REVERSE AUCTION
16 CONTRACTING, WHICH HAS CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF WATCH DOGS IN
17 PROGRAMS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I AS YOU KNOW HAVE BEEN
18 ON THAT SUBJECT AND 5-D TODAY HAS TO DO WITH MORE JOB ORDER
19 CONTRACTING WHICH IS WHERE THE COUNTY ENGAGES A CONTRACTOR WHO
20 BIDS ON THE PRICE PER DOLLAR. SO IN THIS CASE IT'S 53 CENTS ON
21 THE DOLLAR THIS CONTRACTOR IS PREPARED TO DO SOME REPAIR
22 REFURBISHMENT WORK. WHAT'S COME UP AND I'VE DISCUSSED WITH IT
23 THE PUBLIC WORKS GROUP AND THE C.D.C. AND THE I.S.D. BUT THE
24 PERSON WHO NEEDS TO BE DIALED IN HERE IS MR. FUJIOKA. THE
25 PROBLEM IS THAT THESE VERY, VERY LOW COMPETITIVE BIDS DON'T

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1 NECESSARILY RESULT IN QUALITY WORK AND OFTENTIMES DO NOT WORK
2 TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. AND ONE OF MAIN, MAIN CONCERNS
3 ON THIS IS THAT WE HAVE A GROUP CALLED GORDIAN GROUP. FOR 1.95
4 PERCENT, THIS GROUP OUT IN MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA,
5 ADMINISTERS THESE JOB ORDER CONTRACTS. HERE IN A COUNTY LIKE
6 L.A., THAT'S MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SO THEY TAKE 1.95
7 PERCENT OF OUR PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET, OF OUR C.D.C. BUDGET WHERE
8 WE USE THESE PROGRAMS, AND THEY MIGRATE THEM OUT OF STATE
9 WHICH DOESN'T HELP YOUR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM WHICH IS VERY
10 IMPORTANT TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TODAY ON ITEM 13. HE IS TRYING
11 TO GET SOME VETERANS INTO THE LOCAL HIRING, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT
12 THE DATA ON THAT ITEM, IN FACT WHAT WE REALLY ARE FACING IS A
13 YOUNG PERSON EMPLOYMENT PROBLEM. WE NEED TO GET THE WIDE
14 DISCREPANCIES NOT BETWEEN VETERANS AND ORDINARY RESIDENTS;
15 IT'S BETWEEN YOUNG MEN AND OTHERS. SO ITEM 1-H IS AN ITEM THAT
16 HAS TO DEAL WITH DIAMOND CONTRACT SERVICES PICKING UP A VERY
17 SMALL, IT'S ONLY \$300,000, JANITORIAL KIND OF CONTRACT. THEY
18 HAVE A VERY ROBUST LOBBYIST PROGRAM, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE MAY
19 BE CONFERRING WITH ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ABOUT, VERY, VERY ROBUST.
20 THEY GAVE-- ACTUALLY IT'S NOT SO ROBUST 35,000 IN 2012 TO THE
21 ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN FOLK FOR L.A. COUNTY AND 35,000 FOR
22 THE SAME KIND OF LOBBYING BUT AT L.A. CITY. SO A TOTAL OF 70
23 GRAND IN LOBBYING MONEY BUT THEY PICKED UP CONTRACTS LIKE YOU
24 COULD NOT BELIEVE. I COULD RATTLE OFF A FEW. ONE FOR 5 MILLION
25 IN DECEMBER OF 2012. ONE FOR 2 MILLION. SO THIS CONTRACT IS

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1 ONLY 289,000, YOU CAN SEE IT'S A MINOR BLIP. ORACLE IS A
2 COMPANY THAT ALSO DOES SOME LOBBYING, AND TODAY THEY ARE ON
3 THE AGENDA FOR SOME RADICAL UPCHARGES MOVING FORWARD. ARNIE
4 BERGHOFF IS TO BE CREDITED THERE. HE'S KIND OF A QUASI SIBLING
5 TO THE ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN GROUP. THEY WORK IN THE SAME
6 OFFICE. THEY WORK VERY NICELY TOGETHER. I LIKE TO SAY, IT'S
7 KIND OF LIKE BOBBY DUVAL AND "THE GODFATHER" BUT THIS IS ALL
8 LEGAL, ALL LEGAL AS WE KNOW. RIGHT. AND THE OTHER ITEMS TODAY,
9 OF COURSE THAT CAUGHT MY ATTENTION HAVE TO DO WITH PROBATION.
10 WE HAVE 46 AND 47, THESE ARE TWO ITEMS. ONE IS MOVING SOME
11 MONEY FORWARD INTO THE HEALTH- RIGHT 360 PROGRAM. I THOUGHT
12 WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE KIND OF A PRESENTATION SLIDE SHOW LIKE
13 WE DID FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT LAST WEEK WITH DR. KATZ, TO
14 DIAL THE PUBLIC INTO WHAT KIND OF SOLUTIONS WE'RE REALLY
15 BRINGING FORWARD.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME, THANK YOU.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL TODAY THERE IS NUMEROUS ITEMS
23 HAVING TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, YOU KNOW MY
24 FAVORITE PART. AND AGAIN MOST OF THOSE ARE SOLE- VENDOR
25 CONTRACTS. AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO STOP

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1 SOMETIME. AND I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT NONE OF YOU ARE
2 LISTENING TO THAT ISSUE. EVERY WEEK, ALMOST EVERY WEEK, THERE
3 IS NUMEROUS CONTRACTS WITH STEEP AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING GIVEN.
4 AND WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT ANY OF THOSE ARE DOING BECAUSE
5 WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GET ANY INFORMATION AS REQUESTED UNDER
6 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. CONSISTENTLY WE GET SOFTWARE
7 REQUESTS, HARDWARE REQUESTS, LIKE I SAID, ONE AFTER ANOTHER,
8 AND THAT IS KIND OF INAPPROPRIATE. ON ITEM 29 HAVING TO DO
9 WITH CATALINA ISLAND, I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED AND SURPRISED BY
10 THE \$10,000 AMOUNT. I MEAN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS
11 BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A
12 MEAGER AMOUNT. AND I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT AMOUNT CAN DO
13 ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT FOR THE HOSPITAL IN CATALINA. FOR MANY
14 PEOPLE, THAT'S POCKET CHANGE. SO I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A MORE
15 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT. I KNOW ON ITEM 30, YOU POSTPONE IT TO NEXT
16 WEEK OR WHENEVER. AND, YOU KNOW, THE MINUTE THOSE ITEMS ARE ON
17 OUR AGENDA, THE PUBLIC HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO IT. SO I
18 WILL UTILIZE MY RIGHTS. ON ITEM 30, HAVING TO DO WITH
19 TEMPORARY NURSING, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT OVER \$37 MILLION. YOU
20 KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED FOREVER THAT WILL REDUCE THE
21 TEMPORARY REGISTRY. AND WE HAVE NOT REDUCED IT; WE HAVE
22 INCREASED IT. AND BECAUSE NOW WE DO NOT RECEIVE ANY MORE
23 INFORMATION FROM DR. KATZ HAVING TO DO WITH THE STAFFING AND
24 SO ON, WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE WHY IT IS AND THAT'S EXTREMELY
25 CONCERNING. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DEAL WITH THAT ITEM AND

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1 REALLY QUESTION WHY WE HAVE NOT BEEN REDUCED. SOMETHING IS
2 WRONG WITH THAT PICTURE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, GENEVIEVE. NEXT?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I
7 HELD A FEW THINGS, JUST A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING. 1-D AND 20
8 REFER TO THE SAME ITEM. 1-D, THE LANGUAGE IS DESIGN
9 DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LOMITA LIBRARY ADDITION
10 AND ITEM 20 REFERS TO THE PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE ROOM
11 ADDITION. DOESN'T MENTION THIS IS \$4 MILLION WHICH IS REALLY
12 JUST CHUMP CHANGE. HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO COST FOR THE
13 TOTAL COST? AND HOW IS THIS MONEY BEING SUBDIVIDED? 2-D REFERS
14 TO A QUIT-CLAIM DEED THAT'S GOING TO BE, I GUESS, FILED WITH
15 THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AFTER ITS PAPERWORK IS DONE. AND
16 SO I WAS THINKING BACK TO WHEN MAX HUNTSMAN WAS HERE A COUPLE
17 OF WEEKS AGO DISCUSSING MS. MOLINA'S PROBLEM AND HE MENTIONED
18 SOMETHING REGARDING FACTUAL FACTS THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
19 OFFICE DEALS WITH FACTUAL FACTS. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO
20 QUIT- CLAIM DEEDS THAT ARE FILED AT THE COUNTY REGISTRAR'S
21 OFFICE BUT I KNOW OF ONE THAT WAS FILED BY THE M.T.A.
22 REFERRING TO SOME PROPERTY. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE FACTUAL
23 FACTS WHEN I TALK ABOUT THAT ONE. I HELD ITEM 25, EXTENDING
24 TERMS FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS DEALING WITH FOSTER-FAMILY
25 AGENCIES AND GROUP HOMES FOR D.C.F.S. AND I BELIEVE IT WAS TWO

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1 WEEKS AGO OR THREE WEEKS AGO YOU HAD AN ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA
2 THAT YOU WANTED. YOU WERE ASKING TO REQUIRE THE STATE-LICENSED
3 FOSTER-FAMILY GROUP HOMES, WHATEVER IT WAS TO MEET CERTAIN
4 REQUIREMENTS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING FOR THE USE OF CHILDREN BEING
5 SEXUALLY ABUSED. SOMETHING IN REFERRING THAT AREA. IS THAT
6 INCLUDED IN THESE EXTENDED CONTRACTS FOR THE FOSTER FAMILY
7 AGENCIES IN THE GROUP HOMES THAT THE COUNTY CONTROLS? IT
8 DOESN'T REALLY MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. BECAUSE I REMEMBER
9 COMING UP HERE AND SAYING: YOU'RE GOING TO REQUIRE STATE
10 LICENSED HOMES TO DO THIS STUFF WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE
11 AUTHORIZATION. BUT I'M IMAGINING THAT THESE HOMES THAT YOU'RE
12 EXTENDING THESE CONTRACTS TO, YOU HAVE THE AUTHORIZATION TO
13 MAKE REQUIREMENTS AND YET THERE'S NOTHING IN THE ITEM ON THE
14 AGENDA, WHICH IS PAR FOR THE COURSE FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. I HELD ITEM 46, HEALTH RIGHT 360 CONTRACT FOR
16 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO ASSEMBLY BILL 109 POPULATION. NOT
17 HOW THE FUNDING IS GOING TO BE USED. COULD YOU HAVE A
18 DISCOURSE ON THE FUNDING? WE ALWAYS HEAR ABOUT HOW YOU NEVER
19 GOT THE FUNDING FROM 109 AND THIS, THAT, THE OTHER THING.
20 WHERE IS THE FUNDING COMING FOR THIS SERVICES, THIS
21 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES? I KNOW. PROP 30. REMEMBER THAT PROP
22 30? YEAH. YOU DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. AND 54-A
23 IS A MANDATE FOR SPECIFIC CHANGES PRESCRIBING REQUIREMENTS FOR
24 APPOINTEES. CAN YOU SAY--
25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, THANK YOU.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, YEAH, YOU'RE OUT OF TIME, I HEARD THAT
4 BEFORE TOO.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SALVADOR PACACH ON ITEM 14
7 AND JAMES BOZAJIAN ON ITEM 51?

8

9 **JAMES BOZAJIAN:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. JAMES
10 BOZAJIAN, MEMBER OF THE CALABASAS CITY COUNCIL. I'M HERE TO
11 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 51, THE CHANGE OF OUR MUNICIPAL
12 ELECTION DATE THAT WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE CALABASAS
13 CITY COUNCIL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. AND THE MAIN PURPOSE OF IT IS
14 TO COINCIDE OUR ELECTIONS WITH THE OTHER SURROUNDING CITIES
15 AROUND CALABASAS, NAMELY AGOURA HILLS AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE IN
16 PARTICULAR AND HAVE A CONSOLIDATION, AS WELL, WITH THE LAS
17 VIRGINES SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION. WE TRACKED THE
18 NUMBERS AND REALIZED THAT OUR TURNOUT IN OUR OWN ELECTION
19 CYCLE AND WITH RESPECT TO OUR VOTERS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
20 ELECTION CYCLE WOULD BE OF HIGHER IF-- WE BELIEVE OF HIGHER
21 BASED ON THE SURROUNDING CITIES IF WE WERE TO CHANGE OUR
22 ELECTION DATE. IS SO THAT'S THE REASON FOR THE REQUEST. WE
23 DON'T BELIEVE THERE WAS ANY OPPOSITION. THERE WAS NONE VOICED
24 AT OUR CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS. AND WE DO HOPE THAT YOU

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1 APPROVE IT. AND I'M HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE
2 THEM. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? IF NOT, THANK
5 YOU FOR COMING DOWN. SALVADOR, ARE YOU STILL HERE? THE ITEM IS
6 BEFORE US, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. 1-
9 D, 2-D, 5-D, 6-D, 1-H, 6, 10, 14, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 29, 32,
10 34, 42, 47 AND 51. IF WE COULD TAKE THOSE UP FIRST, THOSE
11 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE ITEMS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 54-A, THAT
18 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU, BUT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN
19 FROM THE VOTE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR--

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 54-A.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA WITH THE
2 ONE ABSTENTION BEING NOTED. SO ORDERED.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN THE LAST ITEM C.S.-1,
5 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU ARE UP FIRST
12 ON SPECIALS OR ADJOURNMENTS?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN. FIRST, MORT ALLEN PASSED AWAY, A LONGTIME STUDIO
16 CITY REALTOR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
17 OF 75. MORT WAS RAISED IN STUDIO CITY AND ATTENDED NORTH
18 HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE SERVING WITH THE UNITED STATES
19 COAST GUARD. AFTER HIS SERVICE, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN REAL
20 ESTATE IN 1960 WITH BUDDY FRANKLIN REALTY IN STUDIO CITY
21 BEFORE FOUNDING HIS OWN FAMILY BUSINESS, ALLEN REALTY IN 1962
22 WITH HIS MOTHER DIANE. STARTING OUT WITH ONLY EIGHT EMPLOYEES,
23 THE BUSINESS SOON GREW TO EMPLOY A STAFF OF 80. HAS OPERATED
24 SUCCESSFULLY IN THE SAME VENTURA BOULEVARD LOCATION FOR MORE
25 THAN 50 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO RUNNING HIS FIRM, HE WAS ACTIVE

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1 IN CIVIC AFFAIRS AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL AND FRIENDS
2 AND ASSOCIATES CONSIDERED HIM A REAL PILLAR IN THE COMMUNITY.
3 HE IS SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER, LAURIE, THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND
4 ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. HIS DAUGHTER, CINDY, PREDECEASED HIM.
5 LORENZO SEMPLE, JR., A LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT IN
6 BRENTWOOD, AND PROLIFIC TELEVISION AND FEATURE FILM
7 SCREENWRITER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS BEST
8 KNOWN FOR CREATING THE T.V. SERIES "BATMAN" IN THE 1960S BUT
9 LATER CONTRIBUTED TO A NUMBER OF POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL FILMS,
10 INCLUDING "THE PARALLAX VIEW," "PAPILLON," "THREE DAYS OF THE
11 CONDOR" AND THE FINAL JAMES BOND MOVIE TO STAR SEAN CONNERY,
12 "NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN." HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOYCE,
13 DAUGHTERS JOHANNA AND MARIA, A SON LORENZO AND SIX
14 GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.
15 I MOVE THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS HOLDING ITEM 1 REALLY JUST TO
20 HIGHLIGHT IT. I THINK THE COUNTY IS VERY FORTUNATE THAT DAN
21 GOLDEN HAS AGREED TO SERVE ON THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
22 BOARD. DAN IS A LONGTIME FRIEND OF MINE GOING BACK TO THE LATE
23 1960S WHEN HE WAS A YOUNG ENGINEER IN EL SEGUNDO I BELIEVE AT
24 T.R.W. HE WENT ON TO A CAREER WITH THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS
25 AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND BECAME THE ADMINISTRATOR OF

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1 N.A.S.A. FOR QUITE A NUMBER OF YEARS DURING THE BUSH 1
2 ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDED
3 OVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MARS LANDER. HE'S A BRILLIANT
4 SCIENTIST AND NOW A RESIDENT OF OUR COUNTY, A RESIDENT OF OUR
5 DISTRICT. I ASKED HIM TO SERVE ON THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
6 BOARD. AND AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, HE AGREED TO DO IT. HE
7 LOVES THE MUSEUM. HE GOES THERE OFTEN WITH HIS GRANDCHILD. AND
8 WE'RE NOW GOING TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HAVING DAN ON THE
9 NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM BOARD. IT'S GOING TO BE A HUGE BOON TO
10 THAT OPERATION AND TO THE REACH THAT THE MUSEUM WILL HAVE. SO
11 I WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DAN FOR AGREEING TO DO THIS
12 AND HIGHLIGHT IT FOR THE REST OF US. WE'RE VERY LUCKY. SO I
13 MOVE APPROVAL OF HIS APPOINTMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE CHAIR SECOND IT. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THOSE ARE THE ONLY THINGS I WAS-- THAT WAS
19 THE ONLY THING I WAS HOLDING. NO OTHER ADJOURNMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WOULD YOU PLEASE
24 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF PAMELA SMITH-MOSLEY BORN
25 JUNE 18, 1964 AND PASSED ON APRIL THE 4TH AT THE AGE OF 49.

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1 SHE WAS A SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND WAS
2 THE FIRST LADY OF CHURCH PLEASANT GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
3 CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE
4 STUDY. MS. SMITH-MOSLEY BEGAN HER CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF
5 LOS ANGELES IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. SHE WAS AN ESSENTIAL MEMBER
7 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND POLICY
8 WHERE SHE IDENTIFIED AND TRACKED LEGISLATION WITH THE GOAL OF
9 PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S HEALTH SAFETY NET. SHE WAS A VERY HARD
10 WORKER, ALWAYS HAPPY TO TAKE ON NEW ASSIGNMENTS AND ALWAYS THE
11 FIRST TO ARRIVE IN THE OFFICE EVERY MORNING. SHE WAS WELL
12 KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT. MS.
13 SMITH- MOSLEY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR HER LOVE AND
14 DEDICATION TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS WELL AS HER COMPASSION
15 FOR OTHERS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, THE REVEREND
16 DONALD MOSLEY, HER FATHER AND MOTHER, FIVE CHILDREN, THREE
17 STEPCHILDREN AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY, MANY FAMILY
18 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL TRULY MISS HER. PAMELA SMITH-
19 MOSLEY.

20
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO
24 CALL UP ITEM 13 AND 53. THEY ARE IN TANDEM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE ARE PERSONS WHO ARE HERE WHO WISH TO
4 BE HEARD ON THIS IMPORTANT ITEM. THIS ITEM, MR. CHAIRMAN,
5 PERTAINS SPECIFICALLY TO THE DISCUSSION WE'VE HAD AND ALL OF
6 US ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT IS THE ISSUE OF VETERANS. AND YOU
7 WILL APPRECIATE THE CALIFORNIA'S PERFORMANCE IN FINDING JOBS
8 FOR VETERANS IS AMONG THE WORST IN THE NATION ACCORDING TO THE
9 U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT. WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR VETERANS
10 ARE BASICALLY EQUAL TO THE GENERAL POPULATION, HIGHER SKILL
11 LEVELS IN EDUCATION ATTAINMENT AMONG VETERANS SHOULD MEAN
12 HIGHER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGHER RATES OF
13 EMPLOYMENT. SO THE ITEM BEFORE US IS ABOUT RECOGNIZING THE
14 VALUE OF THESE VETERANS AS WORKERS THAT DOES NOT ALWAYS HAPPEN
15 WITHOUT ENCOURAGEMENT, WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PUSH. MAY I SAY
16 THAT THE CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR IN
17 THE STUDY NOTED THAT CALIFORNIA IS AGAIN AMONG THE WORST IN
18 THE NATION IN PLACING VETERANS IN JOBS. STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT
19 CITED THE LACK OF PERFORMANCE GOALS AND MEASURE AS CHIEF-- AND
20 MEASURES AS CHIEF REASONS FOR THE POOR RECORD OF PLACING
21 VETERANS IN JOBS. SO I BELIEVE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL WORKER
22 HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS WILL CAUSE US TO TRACK HIRING RATES,
23 WHICH WE CURRENTLY DO NOT DO. AND WE CANNOT MANAGE WITHOUT
24 MEASURE, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THIS CAN AND SHOULD BE A
25 PRIORITY. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY THE BEGINNING OF WHAT WE WANT TO

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1 DO IN TERMS OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND AFFIRMING VETERANS. AND I
2 THINK WE CAN MANAGE OUR SUCCESS AND I THINK WE SHOULD. THIS IS
3 AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS
4 WEIGH IN ON THIS IN THE APPROPRIATE WAY. LET'S GET STARTED
5 TODAY. DON'T LET THE QUEST FOR A PERFECT PRODUCT NEGATE THE
6 EFFORT TO ADVANCE IT FOR FURTHER REFINEMENT SHOULD IT BE
7 NECESSARY. MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU'LL NOTE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
8 PERSONS THAT WISH TO BE HEARD. I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU
9 TO CALL THEM FORWARD, PLEASE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO CALL UP GENE HALE,
12 LOU SIEGEL, ALEJANDRO BERNAL AND YOLANDA ROCK WILL BE THE
13 FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS.

14

15 **GENE HALE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS GENE HALE. I AM
16 PRESIDENT OF G.N.C. EQUIPMENT CORPORATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE
17 GREATER LOS ANGELES AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
18 COMMONLY KNOWN AS G.L.A.C. I'M ALSO AN APPOINTEE OF PRESIDENT
19 OBAMA TO HIS PRESIDENT EXPORT COUNCIL. I AM AN AMERICAN
20 VETERAN WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY FOR THREE YEARS AND IN A
21 WAR ZONE FOR OVER A YEAR. VETERANS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM
22 MILITARY SERVICE IN CONFLICTS OVERSEAS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO
23 HAVE SERVED IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES BRING UNIQUE EXPERIENCES AND
24 SKILLS TO THE WORKFORCE. 40 PERCENT OF MY STAFF ARE VETERANS,
25 AND SOME OF THEM ARE DISABLED. YET, THEY ARE ABLE TO PERFORM

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1 AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS WITH THE DISCIPLINE THAT THE MILITARY
2 HAS TAUGHT THEM. THE COUNTY CAN BE A POSITIVE FORCE TO ENSURE
3 THE TALENTS OF VETERANS TO MAXIMIZE ON ITS PROJECTED BILLION
4 DOLLARS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DOWN THE LINE. GIVING VETERANS
5 AN OPPORTUNITY ON THOSE JOBS IS A WIN/WIN. A LOCAL WORK HIRE
6 PROGRAM WILL ENSURE VETERANS ARE NOT OVERLOOKED. IN ORDER FOR
7 SUPPORTED JOB PROGRAMS TO WORK, A SYSTEM OF TRACKING AND
8 MEASURING HAS TO BE PUT IN PLACE. THERE MUST BE A MANDATE. IT
9 HAS TO HAVE TEETH. THIS ENSURES ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROGRESS.
10 THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION CAN ACCOMPLISH. I URGE YOUR SUPPORT.
11 THANK YOU ALL.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **LOU SIEGEL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M LOU SIEGEL WITH LOS
16 ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE NEARBY ON GRAND AVENUE, AND WE'RE
17 HERE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL WORKER HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS. AS
18 YOU KNOW, OUR INSTITUTION IS COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO
19 PIPELINING OUR STUDENTS INTO HIGH-WAGE EMPLOYMENT, AND WE
20 BELIEVE THAT THIS ORDINANCE WOULD CERTAINLY DO THAT. I BROUGHT
21 WITH ME TODAY A COUPLE OF VETERANS, STUDENTS FROM OUR
22 CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, FROM ELECTRICAL, WHO HAVE VERY
23 IMPORTANT STORIES TO TELL YOU, VERY UNIQUE STORIES. AND I'D
24 LIKE TO NOW TURN IT OVER TO SOME WONDERFUL STUDENTS.

25

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1 **ALEJANDRO BERNAL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALEJANDRO BERNAL. I
2 PROUDLY SERVED FOUR YEARS IN THE U.S. ARMY AS AN INFANTRY
3 SOLDIER. I DID TWO TOURS, ONE IN IRAQ AND ONE IN AFGHANISTAN
4 AND WHEN I CAME HOME AND GOT OUT OF THE MILITARY, I FOUND IT
5 DIFFICULT TO FIND WORK WITH MY SPECIFIC SKILL SET. SO I
6 ENROLLED IN L.A. TRADE TECH TO GET A DIFFERENT EDUCATION IN
7 SOMETHING ELSE I CAN USE IN THE REAL WORLD. AND I'M ALMOST
8 DONE WITH MY FOUR SEMESTERS IN ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
9 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. AND I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THAT I CAN FIND
10 A JOB SO THAT I CAN SUPPORT MY FAMILY. AND I JUST WANT AN
11 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO PROVE THAT SOLDIERS ARE HARD
12 WORKERS, AND WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE CAN AND
13 MORE BECAUSE OF THE TRAINING THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AND
14 EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE ENDURED. I'M DONE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

17

18 **YOLANDA ROCK:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
19 SPEAK BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM YOLANDA ROCK. I AM
20 A 20-YEAR VETERAN. I RETIRED IN 2002. SINCE THAT TIME, I'VE
21 DONE A MYRIAD OF THINGS. I CAME TO THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
22 PROGRAM BECAUSE I AM, BY PREFERENCE, A HANDS-ON TYPE OF
23 PERSON. AND THAT'S WHERE I EXCEL BEST AT. AND THAT'S WHERE I
24 HAVE MOST OF MY INTEREST, WHERE MY INTERESTS LIE AT THIS TIME.
25 I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. I'M EXCITED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED

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1 TO COME AND SPEAK NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF MYSELF BUT ON BEHALF OF
2 SEVERAL MORE YOUNG LADIES THROUGHOUT ALL BRANCHES OF THE
3 MILITARY WHO, LIKE MYSELF, ARE VERY HANDS-ON ORIENTED, VERY
4 CONSCIENTIOUS ABOUT THE THINGS THAT WE DO AND LOOK FORWARD TO
5 PURSUING CAREERS IN THE TRADES. I AM A THIRD SEMESTER
6 ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION STUDENT. I HAVE ONE MORE SUCCESSFUL
7 SEMESTER TO COMPLETE BEFORE I WILL BE AMONGST, YOU KNOW, MY
8 PEERS AND OTHERS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN OUR
9 COUNTY HERE IN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. I'D ASK JORGE
12 VACA TO JOIN US, KOOKIE WILLIAMS, BLAS VILLALOBOS, AND ISAAC
13 MASON. NEXT FOUR PLEASE? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED, GO
14 AHEAD PLEASE.

15

16 **ISAAC MASON:** I GUESS SINCE I'M FIRST AT THE MIC. I MAY AS WELL
17 START. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS IVAN
18 MASON. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR U.S. VETS LOS ANGELES, A
19 660-BED FACILITY FOR VETERANS IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I AM
20 HERE TODAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT ANY ORDINANCE OR ANY MOTION,
21 YOU KNOW, THAT BRINGS TO BEAR KEEP AND SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF
22 OUR VETERANS LONG CALLED FOR. YOU KNOW, ON MY ONLY LEVEL, ON
23 MY OWN LEVEL, I'VE PUSHED, YOU KNOW, DURING THE EXPANSION OF
24 MY FACILITY, ON ALL CONTRACTS THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THE
25 EMPLOYMENT BE SET ASIDE FOR VETERANS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY I'M

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1 ALSO A MEMBER SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD AND HAVE
2 BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL GETTING THINGS LIKE THAT DONE. SO I'M
3 HERE IN SUPPORT OF ANY MOTION SET FORTH BY THE HONORABLE
4 SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **BLAZIO LOBOS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MEMBERS OF THE
9 AUDIENCE. MY NAME IS BLAZIO LOBOS I AM THE DIRECTOR OF
10 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND VETERANS SERVICES FOR U.S. VETS. I
11 SUPERVISE AND MANAGE ONE OF OUR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS IN LOS
12 ANGELES, THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE. AND I AM HERE TO
13 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION TO CREATE AND
14 IMPLEMENT A LOCAL WORKER HIRE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS IN THE CITY
15 OF L.A. AND L.A. COUNTY. I CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW MANY
16 OPPORTUNITIES ARE PRESENTED BEFORE US IN TERMS OF
17 PARTNERSHIPS. THIS MOTION WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY AS A
18 NONPROFIT NOT ONLY FOR U.S. VETS BUT SEVERAL NONPROFITS IN THE
19 AREA TO PARTNER WITH EMPLOYERS AND IDENTIFY HIGHLY QUALIFIED
20 VETERANS TO FILL THESE POSITIONS, GIVING OUR VETERANS THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO FIND MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT, CAREERS THAT WILL
22 ALLOW THEM TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND WILL ALLOW THE
23 EMPLOYER TO BENEFIT FROM SUCH A MOTIVATED AND EXPERIENCED
24 WORKFORCE. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **JORGE VACA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS JORGE VACA. I'M A
4 FOUR-YEAR U.S. NAVY VETERAN SERVED FROM 2006 TO 2010. AND I
5 PRETTY MUCH JOINED BECAUSE IN THE MILITARY, THERE'S GREAT
6 TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP, AND VERY DISCIPLINED, SO THAT'S THE
7 MAIN REASON WHY I JOINED. WHEN MY TIME WAS UP, I DECIDED TO
8 COME BACK HOME, AND IT WAS PRETTY HARD TO GET A JOB. SO
9 ACTUALLY IN THE NAVY, I WAS AN ELECTRICIAN. SO THAT'S WHAT I
10 WENT TO SCHOOL FOR. AND I'M HOPING THAT NOW THAT I'M DONE WITH
11 SCHOOL, I'LL GET A CHANCE TO GET A JOB HERE IN L.A. OR, YOU
12 KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO RELOCATE TO ANOTHER STATE. I WANT MY
13 STATE TO BENEFIT FROM MY SKILLS AND MY TRADE. AND THAT'S ALL.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

17

18 **KOOKIE WILLIAMS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. MY NAME IS KOOKIE
19 WILLIAMS. I'M ACTUALLY THE DIRECTOR FOR THE L.A. _____
20 VETERANS' CITIZEN CENTER THAT I'VE FOUGHT FOR THE PAST NINE
21 YEARS. WE HAVE OVER 3,000 STUDENTS ON OUR CAMPUS. THESE ARE
22 JUST A FEW STUDENTS THAT CAME OUT TO TALK. BUT I'M HERE TO SAY
23 THAT I'M THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WHEN THEY GET OUT OF THE
24 MILITARY AND COME ON CAMPUS AND THEY'RE EAGER TO GO TO SCHOOL
25 BECAUSE A LOT OF THEM CAN'T FIND JOBS IN THEIR CAREERS THEY

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1 WERE IN IN THE MILITARY. AND WE'LL TRY TO FIT THEM IN A
2 POSITION WITH SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO BE USEFUL FOR THEM AND
3 THEIR FAMILIES. THEY ARE EAGER TO GET BACK TO WORK, BUT IT'S
4 HARD FOR THEM. SO I SEE THEM GO FROM THE MILITARY TO SCHOOL TO
5 OUT OF SCHOOL AND THERE'S NOTHING FOR THEM. SO I'M HERE TO
6 SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GET BACK INTO THE WORK
7 FIELD. THEY HAVE FAMILIES. SOME OF THEM DON'T HAVE FAMILIES.
8 SOME OF THEM HAVE CHILDREN. AND THEY'RE EAGER TO WORK. AND I'M
9 HERE FOR THAT SUPPORT FOR THEM SO THAT WAY THEY HAVE AN HONEST
10 LIVING. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? ARMEN ROSS, JAMES YUN,
13 KRISTINE HESSE AND LINDA BROUGHTON. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO
14 PROCEED, GO AHEAD.

15

16 **ARMEN ROSS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARMEN ROSS
17 AND I AM THE CHAIR OF THE MILITARY VETERANS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
18 FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M A UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN,
19 HAVING SERVED FROM 1967 TO 1971. AND I DID TWO TOURS OF DUTY
20 IN VIETNAM. UPON BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY, THE ONLY
21 THING THAT I WAS GUARANTEED WAS THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO GO
22 BACK TO THE JOB THAT I HELD BEFORE I WENT IN, AND THAT WAS AS
23 A BOX BOY AT A SUPERMARKET. THAT NOT BEING AN OPTION AS AN
24 ADULT, I CHOSE COLLEGE BECAUSE I KNEW I COULD GO UNDER THE
25 G.I. BILL AND POSSIBLY BUY A HOME AFTERWARD. BUT FOR THOSE WHO

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1 CHOOSE NOT TO GO TO COLLEGE, THERE WAS NO REAL RECOGNITION FOR
2 THOSE VETERANS. THERE WAS NO BUMP TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK
3 OUT ONE OF THE BUILDING OR CONSTRUCTION TRADES. THE CURRENT
4 PROPOSAL PROVIDES SOME RECOGNITION OF PAST SERVICE AND A SMALL
5 BEACON OF LIGHT FOR THOSE VETERANS WHO WANT TO FIND A WAY IN
6 THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES. AND IT WILL GO A LONG
7 WAY TO HELP US RELIEVE THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF VETERANS IN
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH IS VERY HIGH IN GENERAL AND
9 SPECIFICALLY IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

12

13 **LINDA BROUGHTON:** GOOD MORNING. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF VETERANS AND EMPLOYMENT. MY NAME IS LINDA
15 BROUGHTON. I AM AN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP MANAGER WITH THE
16 SALVATION ARMY HAVEN. WE OPERATE A VETERANS EMPLOYMENT
17 SERVICES PROGRAM. WHAT WE HAVE FOUND IN SERVING OUR VETERANS
18 TO HELP THEM GAIN MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT IS THEY COME BACK WITH
19 THE MILITARY WITH WONDERFUL EMPLOYMENT SKILLS, SENSE OF
20 PURPOSE, MISSION, GOAL-ORIENTED, INITIATIVE, COMMITMENT,
21 TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATIONS, WHAT EVERY EMPLOYER WOULD LIKE.
22 HOWEVER, UNFORTUNATELY WHAT WE'VE ALSO FOUND IS THAT ALTHOUGH
23 THERE ARE MANY VETERANS HIRING INITIATIVES TODAY THAT
24 EMPLOYERS SPEAK OF, IN FACT THE LOCAL BUSINESS LINE HIRING
25 MANAGERS IN THESE EMPLOYERS ARE VERY RELUCTANT-- NOT ALL OF

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1 THEM, BUT STILL TOO MANY OF THEM ARE RELUCTANT TO HIRE A
2 VETERAN. WE CALL THAT IN OUR TRADE "BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT."
3 SO, WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF ANY INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT VETERANS
4 AND LOCAL WORKERS HIRING. AND THAT'S BECAUSE IT INCREASES
5 THEIR REAL CHANCES, THEIR REAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GET A JOB.
6 THEY DESERVE IT. IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **JAMES YUN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KEM
11 JAMES YUN. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AS A NATIVE
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN, MY DECISION TO SERVE OUR NATION AND OUR
13 COMMUNITY WAS BASED ON WHAT THIS COUNTRY HAS AFFORDED THIS
14 FAMILY, OR MY FAMILY AND MYSELF, THE SON OF IMMIGRANTS. I
15 PERSONALLY HAVE SEEN THE FRUITS OF PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
16 THAT OUR COMMUNITY PROVIDES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO
17 WORK HARD AND PERSEVERE TO SUCCEED. MY SIX YEARS OF SERVICE
18 I'VE NEVER SEEN A SOLDIER WILLING TO FAIL OR ACCEPT DEFEAT.
19 THE MEN AND WOMEN I SERVE WITH CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO IMPROVE
20 THEMSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY AROUND THEM AND THE MOTION
21 PROPOSED WOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO JUST THAT. WHILE
22 THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS AND
23 SOLDIERS WHO NEED HELP, THEY DON'T ADDRESS THE ISSUE WITH THE
24 LONG-TERM SOLUTION. TOO OFTEN I SEE VETERANS IN THE LOS
25 ANGELES AREA STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET AFTER THEIR SERVICE

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1 TO THE NATION IS COMPLETE. AS A COMPANY COMMANDER FOR A LOS
2 ANGELES RECRUITING COMPANY FOR THE ARMY, I TRY TO AFFORD NEW
3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS OFFERING ENLISTMENT INTO THE ARMY
4 RESERVES TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE AGE AND
5 MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS, SO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE A LITTLE MORE
6 SEASONED CAN'T JOIN THE ARMY RESERVES AND I FEEL THIS PROGRAM
7 WOULD PROVIDE THAT OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **KRISTINA HESSE:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
10 KRISTINA HESSE. I'M AN AIR FORCE RETIREE, I DID 24 YEARS IN
11 THE AIR FORCE AND I'VE JUST RECENTLY RETIRED IN THE LAST TWO
12 YEARS. I'M HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT MY FELLOW VETERANS AND I'M
13 CONCERNED ABOUT FINDING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT. AS A VETERAN
14 AND A PARENT, THE VALUE OF FINDING EMPLOYMENT THAT OFFERS
15 GROWTH AND PAY, THAT SUPPORTS US AND OUR FAMILY, IS VITAL. AS
16 A COMMUNITY, WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYERS
17 THAT ARE SERIOUS IN SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS. THIS PROGRAM WILL
18 SHOW THE COUNTY AND THE LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK AND DEDICATION
19 SKILLS THAT WE POSSESS AS WELL AS IMPROVING OUR LIVES. I HAVE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO WORKDAY TO DAY WITH VETERANS AND SEE THEIR
21 STRUGGLES AND ONE OF OUR MAIN CONCERNS IS ACTUALLY FINDING
22 MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT. SO THIS IS GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO
23 PURSUE AND MAKE A LIFE FOR OURSELVES AGAIN WHEN WE'RE BACK
24 HOME AND THEN AGAIN FOR OUR FAMILIES, SO THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

2 HENRY BROWN, LUIS RIVERA, JAMES HANSON AND ERIC PREVEN. GOOD
3 MORNING. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **HENRY BROWN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS HENRY BROWN. I'M A
6 COMMISSIONER FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION, FOURTH AREA. ALSO, I'M
7 AN EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPER FOR W.L.C.A.C., A WORKFORCE CENTER. I
8 THINK MANY THINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SAID, BUT WHAT IS AMAZING
9 IS AS YOU DRIVE INTO OUR CITY, YOU SEE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON,
10 TURNER CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR DEVELOPMENT, CLEVELAND AND ALL. WHY
11 SHOULD BEING A VETERAN BE A WHAT YOU CALL A BARRIER TO
12 EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE YOUNG MEN AND LADIES WHO ARE OVERSEAS
13 FIGHTING FOR OUR COUNTRY? AND MANY TIMES THEY ARE BUILDING
14 DITCHES, DRIVING TRACTORS IN CONSTRUCTION. SO ANYTHING THAT
15 HAS TO DO WITH MONITORING TO ASSURE THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE RETURNING FROM IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN ARE RECEIVING
17 EMPLOYMENT, I'M FOR IT. AND THANK YOU, MARK, GOD BLESS YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

20

21 **LUIS RIVERA:** YES, MY NAME IS LUIS RIVERA I'M THE COMMANDER OF
22 THE PURPLE HEART FOR SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. I'M FOR THIS PROGRAM
23 FOR HIRING VETERANS. BUT I STILL NEED SOMEBODY TO BE
24 ACCOUNTABLE FOR VETERANS WHEN THEY GET THESE CONSTRUCTION JOBS
25 AND SOMEBODY TO MONITOR THEM BECAUSE WITHOUT THAT, THE

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1 VETERANS WILL GO TO THE JOB AND THEN THEY'LL SAY "I'M SORRY.
2 YOU'RE NOT ELIGIBLE. " SO WE NEED SOMEBODY TO BE ACCOUNTABLE
3 SO WHEN YOU GOT YOUR TRADE AND EVERYTHING, YOU GO TO SCHOOL
4 AND EVERYTHING AND YOU GOT A GOOD JOB. THAT'S ALL WE NEED TO
5 DO IS SOMEBODY TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR US VETERANS. AND I THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3,
11 AND CANDIDATE FOR THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. I WOULD
12 LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS ITEM AND I THINK THIS IS IN THE RIGHT
13 DIRECTION. OUR VETERANS SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE POSSIBILITY
14 OF JOBS WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND THE COUNTY HAS GREAT SWAY THERE.
15 SO I APPRECIATE THIS INITIATIVE. I HAVE A TEENY BIT OF A
16 CONCERN AS I READ THAT HERE WE WERE ASKING TO REQUIRE
17 CONTRACTORS TO MAKE SPECIFIC EFFORTS SUBJECT TO LIQUIDATED
18 DAMAGES TO HAVE A PERCENTAGE. AND THAT PERCENTAGE IS TO BE
19 DETERMINED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO MY RIGHT, BILL
20 FUJIOKA. AND THEN THEY'LL WORK WITH THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO
21 GET THAT PERCENTAGE IN PLACE. OF COURSE THIS IS A TRICKY
22 BUSINESS. BUT I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO HOLD THE LINE AND
23 ACTUALLY CREATE A TARGET OR GOAL THAT WE THEN STICK TO BECAUSE
24 TALK IS CHEAP OUT HERE. WE LISTEN. WE DON'T LISTEN. WE SPEAK,
25 WE DON'T. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND I WANT TO

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1 BE SUPPORTIVE OF THOSE WHO ARE PUSHING FOR THIS. AND I THINK
2 THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE YOUNG VETERANS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **ERIC PREVEN:** BECAUSE THAT'S THE SECTION THAT IS MOST
7 UNEMPLOYED OF ALL THE VETERANS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK
12 THE VETERANS HAVE SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY ON THE MATTER WITH RESPECT
13 TO THE CONSIDERATION THAT THEY FEEL THEY ARE DUE. I ASSOCIATE
14 MYSELF WITH THAT. WE HAVE SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME
15 ON THE ISSUE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH A RANGE OF WAYS IN
16 WHICH WE CAN AFFIRM VETERANS IN OUR COUNTY. I KNOW ALL MEMBERS
17 OF THE BOARD HAVE ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THAT SENTIMENT.
18 THIS IS A CONCRETE AND A MATERIAL WAY OF ADVANCING THAT
19 PERSPECTIVE. I SIMPLY WISH TO SUGGEST, THEN, THAT LOCAL WORKER
20 HIRE IS A CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO MOVE AN
21 AGENDA FOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AMONG THE RANKS OF THOSE
22 MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR THIS NATION AND RETURN WITH
23 THE INTENT TO LIVE A DECENT QUALITY OF LIFE. UNEMPLOYMENT AND
24 HOMELESSNESS IS NOT WHAT WE WISH FOR THEM TO ASPIRE. TO THE
25 EXTENT THAT OUR POLICIES CAN HELP AVOID THOSE PHENOMENA, IT

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1 SEEMS TO ME WE ARE OBLIGED TO MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. I
2 THEREFORE PRESENT THIS MATTER TO THE BOARD FOR ITS
3 CONSIDERATION WITH THE HOPE THAT WE CAN INDEED ADOPT A LOCAL
4 WORKER HIRE PREFERENCE FOR OUR VETERANS. IT IS BEFORE YOU, MR.
5 CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS?
8 PERSONALLY, I MEAN OBVIOUSLY I THINK ALL MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD
9 HAVE BEEN ADVOCATES FOR THE VETERANS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BOTH HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING AND WORKER
14 PREFERENCE. I STILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ISSUE WITH THE LANGUAGE
15 THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE US. AND I AM NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT
16 TODAY, BUT CERTAINLY WILLING TO LOOK AT SOME POTENTIAL
17 LANGUAGE CHANGES. AGAIN, AND I SAY THAT IN THE SENSE THAT I
18 WOULDN'T WANT ONE OF US ON THIS BOARD TO BE MARKED WITH ANTI-
19 VETERAN. I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT OUR WORK IN OUR OWN DISTRICTS
20 AND THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY WHETHER IT BE WITH U.S. VETS, THE
21 OTHER PROGRAMS I KNOW IN LONG BEACH AND THROUGHOUT MY
22 DISTRICT, WE'RE ALL ADVOCATES FOR THAT. BUT...

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ANY SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS OFF THE TOP?

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT ALL BOILS BACK DOWN TO MANDATORY AND
2 HOW THAT LANGUAGE IS INTERPRETED. THAT WHOLE SITUATION. SO I
3 THINK, AT LEAST MYSELF, I'VE BEEN DECLARING THAT FROM THE VERY
4 BEGINNING. AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED THERE. SO I'VE NOT BEEN AN
5 ADVOCATE OF PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE
6 THAT THIS ISN'T THE NOSE UNDER THE TENT TO DO THAT AND TRYING
7 TO USE THE VETS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN, WHICH I JUST, YOU KNOW,
8 CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN. VETERANS SHOULD BE VETERANS. THEY SHOULD
9 BE VOLUNTEER. WE SHOULD ADVOCATE FOR THAT. DO WHAT WE CAN ON
10 THE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE, BUT THE MANDATORY PIECE THAT
11 WOULD SET SOMETHING ELSE OR MEMBERSHIP IN A UNION OR ALL THOSE
12 OTHER KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE ON THE SIDE THAT REALLY DON'T
13 HAVE TO DO WITH THE ISSUE OF HIRING VETERANS AND THEIR TALENTS
14 AND THEIR CAPABILITIES TO GO TO WORK. ANYTHING BEYOND THAT, TO
15 ME IS SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T NEED TO DO. WE SHOULD ADVOCATE
16 FOR VETERANS. WE SHOULD PUT VETERANS IN THE PLACE OF POSITION
17 TO BE HIRED BUT NOT TO DO THE ALL THE CONNECT THE DOTS THINGS
18 AROUND THE SIDE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I APPRECIATE YOUR
21 SENTIMENTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE ADDRESS THE CHRONIC
22 UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUES AND THE ACUTE LEVELS OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG
23 VETERANS UNLESS WE MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF THAT WHICH IS
24 MANDATORY. THAT WHICH IS VOLUNTARY HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE
25 INEFFECTIVE. THIS DELIBERATELY FOCUSES ON LOCAL WORKER HIRE,

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1 AROUND WHICH MY ASSUMPTION OWING TO THE PUBLIC RECORD OF TWO
2 YEARS AGO PLUS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE COMFORTABLE WITH.
3 THIS IS NOT ABOUT A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT. IT IS ESSENTIALLY
4 ABOUT HOW WE CAUSE THOSE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN OUR RESPECTIVE
5 DISTRICTS TO HAVE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT. NOT IN OTHER COUNTIES
6 BUT IN L.A. COUNTY, WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. ABSENT
7 OUR LAYING FORTH REASONABLE AND RATIONAL WAYS OF SAYING TO
8 THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WE CONTRACT WITH THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE A
9 SPECIFIC EFFORT AND CAUSE THEIR WORKFORCE TO REFLECT THE
10 COMPOSITION OF THOSE THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IN THIS
11 INSTANCE, VERY SPECIFIC, VERY DEFINED, AND, NAMELY, VETERANS,
12 THEN I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO WHAT WE SAY WE WISH TO DO IN TERMS
13 OF HELPING VETERANS WITH RESPECT TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF
14 THEIR LIVES. I ASSURE YOU WHAT'S BEFORE YOU IS DEFINED AND
15 LIMITED IN THAT WAY. IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC MOTIONS OR
16 AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD MAKE THIS MORE ACCEPTABLE, I WANT TO PUT
17 IT ON THE RECORD THAT I'M OPEN TO THAT. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME
18 THAT MOVEMENT FORWARD IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY. AND I WOULD
19 APPEAL TO YOU TO CONSIDER MY REQUEST IN THAT REGARD.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN ASK FOR SOME
22 INFORMATION WHICH MAY REQUIRE A WEEK OR TWO TO GET BACK TO US.
23 OBVIOUSLY WE ALL WANT TO DO SOMETHING IN THIS VEIN. I DON'T
24 AGREE WITH YOUR STATEMENT, BUT THE VOLUNTARY IS PROVEN
25 INEFFECTIVE, AT LEAST NOT IN THE COUNTY. BUT THE STATISTICS

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1 THAT I'VE SEEN ON THE LOCAL WORKER HIRING PROGRAM, THE
2 DISADVANTAGED WORKER HIRING PROGRAM, WE HAVE ACTUALLY EXCEEDED
3 I BELIEVE IT'S A 30 PERCENT GOAL AND MAY BE OFF ON THAT, BUT
4 THE GOALS HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED IN VIRTUALLY EVERY AREA OF THE
5 COUNTY WITH I BELIEVE ONE EXCEPTION WHERE WE BARELY MISSED THE
6 GOAL, BUT OVERALL THE GOALS HAVE BEEN EXCEEDED. SO THE
7 VOLUNTARY IS NOT INEFFECTIVE. IF IT WAS INEFFECTIVE, I'D
8 CERTAINLY BE MORE OPEN TO THAT APPROACH. NOT NECESSARILY
9 THROUGH A P.L.A. AND NOT NECESSARILY WITHIN A P.L.A. I'M NOT
10 IDEOLOGICAL ABOUT THE P.L.A. I THINK IT SERVED A USEFUL
11 PURPOSE HERE AND ELSEWHERE. BUT ON THE MANDATORY VERSUS
12 VOLUNTARY, I'M NOT SOLD. SO HERE'S WHAT I WANT TO ASK. IT'S
13 ONE OTHER ISSUE WHICH IS NOT CLEAR TO ME FROM THE MOTION
14 THERE. THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS IN THE MOTION,
15 AND I THINK INTENTIONALLY SO. AND THAT IS WHATEVER OUR
16 DISADVANTAGED WORKER PROGRAM GOAL IS, IF IT'S 30 PERCENT,
17 LET'S SAY IT'S 30 PERCENT, WOULD THIS BE ON TOP OF THE 30
18 PERCENT? OR WOULD THIS BE WITHIN THE 30 PERCENT UMBRELLA? IN
19 OTHER WORDS, IF I'M A VETERAN, AM I CONSIDERED FOR THE
20 PURPOSES OF THIS EXERCISE A DISADVANTAGED WORKER? OR WILL I BE
21 IN A CATEGORY OF MY OWN OVER AND ABOVE THE 30 PERCENT SO THAT
22 IF THERE'S A 10 PERCENT VETERAN, FOR EXAMPLE, JUST PULLING
23 NUMBERS OUT OF THE AIR, WOULD THAT MEAN 40 PERCENT OF ALL
24 PEOPLE WHO ARE HIRED IN THESE JOBS WOULD BE EITHER
25 DISADVANTAGED OR VETERANS? SO FOR THE REST OF THE POPULATION,

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1 ONLY 60 PERCENT OF THE SLOTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE. THAT'S A
2 QUESTION THAT I THINK I NEED TO HAVE ANSWERED BEFORE-- I'M NOT
3 GOING TO LEAVE IT UP TO FUJIOKA OR ANYBODY ELSE TO MAKE THAT
4 DECISION. I THINK THAT'S A DECISION WE NEED TO MAKE UP HERE.
5 SO I'D LIKE TO GET THAT ADDRESSED AND I'D LIKE TO, IF YOU CAN,
6 MR. FUJIOKA, OR HAVE YOUR STAFF LOOK AT-- BECAUSE YOU HAVE
7 LOOKED IN THE PAST AT DISADVANTAGED WORKER PROGRAMS TO SEE HOW
8 THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM HAS WORKED. IS THERE A WAY YOU CAN FIND
9 OUT WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED UNDER
10 THOSE PROGRAMS BY THE HIRERS ARE VETERANS? I'D LIKE TO KNOW
11 HOW MANY VETERANS ARE IN THE POOL, HOW MANY HAVE BEEN-- OR
12 WHETHER THERE IS A BIG GAP, A BIG ASBESTOS CURTAIN THAT
13 PREVENTS VETERANS FROM GETTING JOBS AS PART OF THE OTHER
14 PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE. BECAUSE IF YOU'RE GETTING, FOR THE SAKE
15 OF ARGUMENT, 2 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE BEING HIRED UNDER THE
16 DISADVANTAGED WORKER PROGRAM ARE VETERANS, I THINK THIS PUTS
17 THIS IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF PERSPECTIVE. IF LESS THAN 5
18 PERCENT ARE VETERANS, IT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF PERSPECTIVE.
19 I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. IN OTHER WORDS, IS THIS A
20 PROBLEM? OR IS THIS A SOLUTION LOOKING FOR A PROBLEM? AND I
21 THINK MY INSTINCTS TELL ME IT PROBABLY IS A PROBLEM OR
22 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS BUT I DON'T
23 HAVE THE STATISTICS. SO IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT WITH THAT, WE CAN
24 GET THAT BACK IN A WEEK OR TWO, I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD
25 TAKE YOU. I THINK YOU'VE ALREADY DONE THE DISADVANTAGED-WORKER

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1 STATISTICS IN THE PAST. SO IF THERE'S A WAY YOU CAN TAKE A
2 DEEP DIVE AND SEE WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ARE VETS, AND THEN
3 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOW-- OR GIVE US OPTIONS THAT WE COULD
4 CONSIDER OVER HOW THIS WOULD BE DONE, WHETHER IT'S VOLUNTARY
5 OR MANDATORY, WHETHER IT BE PART OF THE EXISTING DISADVANTAGED
6 WORKER PROGRAM OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE A SEPARATE CATEGORY AND
7 WHAT THE IMPACTS WOULD BE. AND THE LAST THING IS THIS
8 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. I DON'T KNOW IF WE'VE EVER DONE THAT
9 BEFORE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN AWARE OF IT ON ANY OF
10 THE P.L.A.S THAT WE'VE DONE HERE OR UP THE STREET. AND WHAT
11 THE IMPLICATIONS OF THAT ARE. AND WHETHER THAT'S REALLY
12 NECESSARY. SO THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I MAY? WE ISSUED A REPORT BACK IN DECEMBER
15 OF 2013 THAT PARTIALLY SPOKE TO THIS. WE'LL WORK WITH THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND CONTACT, THROUGH THAT
17 DEPARTMENT, THEIR CONTRACTORS WHO WORKED ON THE MAJOR PROJECTS
18 TO GET THE INFORMATION. WHEN WE TRIED TO OBTAIN IT, ONE
19 PROBLEM WE WERE FACED WITH IS THE FACT THAT WE'RE COLLECTING
20 INFORMATION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE WORKERS WERE VETERANS. WE
21 CAN GO BACK TO THEM AND ASK THEM TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION.
22 ONE SUGGESTION WE HAD IN OUR DECEMBER REPORT IS THAT WE
23 INCLUDE VETERANS AS A COMPONENT OF THE OVERALL DISADVANTAGED
24 LOCAL WORKER PROGRAM SIMILAR TO WHAT M.T.A. HAS. SO WHEN WE

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1 REPORT BACK, WE'LL PROBABLY SPEAK TO THAT ISSUE, ALSO. WE DO
2 KNOW THAT THE BUILDING TRADE--

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT PROGRAM I BELIEVE IS MANDATORY. I
5 BELIEVE THE M.T.A. PROGRAM.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'M ONLY SPEAKING OF ADDING IT AS A COMPONENT.
8 I'M NOT SPEAKING TO WHETHER IT'S MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY. JUST
9 HAVING A DEFINED COMPONENT. WE'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT
10 INFORMATION AS IT RELATES TO HOW WE WOULD STRUCTURE A LOCAL
11 WORKER HIRING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS OR WE'RE GOING TO USE THE
12 TYPICAL STRUCTURE OF A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA. WE NORMALLY
13 LOOK AT ABOUT A FIVE MILE RADIUS, OR WILL WE NOT LIMIT
14 OURSELVES AND LOOK AT THE ENTIRE COUNTY? MAKE SURE THE
15 RECRUITMENT POOL IS AS ROBUST AS POSSIBLE FOR VETERANS. I DO
16 KNOW THAT THE BUILDING TRADES HAVE A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM THEY
17 CALL "HELMETS TO HARDHATS." AND SO WE DO KNOW THAT THE TRADES
18 ARE TRYING TO RECRUIT AS MANY VETERANS AS POSSIBLE. SO I
19 PERSONALLY THINK WHEN WE LOOK AT THE NUMBERS THAT WORK IN OUR
20 PROJECTS, WE'LL PROBABLY SEE A GOOD NUMBER OF VETERANS. I'M A
21 STRONG PROPONENT OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS. SO WE'LL
22 REPORT BACK ON ALL THESE ISSUES. AND IF IT'S OKAY, I THINK WE
23 SHOULD JUST LOOK AT THE MOTION IN GENERAL AND LOOK AT THE
24 COMPONENTS BECAUSE ONE SPEAKS TO RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, ONE
25 MOTION. THE MOTION IS RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, BUT IF IT'S

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1 TRULY LOCAL DO WE LOOK AT DEFINED AREA OR DO WE BROADEN IT FOR
2 THE WHOLE COUNTY TO HAVE THE LARGEST OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE FOR
3 THESE INDIVIDUALS? WE'LL LOOK AT ALL THESE COMPONENTS AND
4 REPORT BACK.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE INTENT OF THE MOTION WAS TO DEFINE IT
7 BROADLY FOR EASE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS TO BE ABLE TO
8 ACCESS THE PROJECTS, WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE WITHIN THE COUNTY.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THAT WAS RATHER DELIBERATE IN LIGHT OF
13 THE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES THAT WE HAD AT M.T.A., AT EXPO, AND
14 EVEN WHEN WE DEFINED SUCH A PROGRAM HERE. AND SO WE'RE TRYING
15 TO GET TO BEST PRACTICES. WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO PROMISING
16 PRACTICES. AND I THINK THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ARE
17 IMMINENTLY RELEVANT, HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH QUESTIONS. I JUST
18 WISH TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATION. PART OF THE REASON
19 FOR FOCUSING ON VETERANS IS THAT IT CUTS ACROSS THE BROADEST
20 SWATH OF DEMOGRAPHICS, ETHNICALLY, GENDER, AGE, ET CETERA, AND
21 THIS GOES TO THE POINT THAT YOU'RE MAKING, SUPERVISOR
22 YAROSLAVSKY, WITH RESPECT TO WHETHER IT'S AN INCREASE OR IT'S
23 INCLUDED IN THE 30. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT MATHEMATICALLY, IF YOU
24 WANT TO GET TO THE BROADEST NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE
25 BENEFITED BY A LOCAL HIRE PROGRAM, YOU CAN'T GET MUCH BETTER

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1 THAN VETERANS BECAUSE OF HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THEIR VARIOUS
2 FORMS OF DIVERSITY ARE REPRESENTED IN THAT PARTICULAR
3 CATEGORY. THAT'S PART OF THE WISDOM OF THE MOTION TO GIVE A
4 PUSH TO VETERANS, YES. AND THIS MOTION WAS AUTHORED BY
5 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THAT'S WHY HIS WISDOM IN IT. I WISH,
6 TOO, TO ASSERT THAT A LOT OF OUR ENERGIES HAVE BEEN SPENT
7 AROUND THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. WE HIT THIS ISSUE OF
8 HOMELESS VETS AND SO FORTH. THIS IS PROPERLY VIEWED, MR.
9 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, AS ANOTHER COMPONENT TO FOCUS AND I
10 THINK THE WILL OF THE BODY CAN REFLECT ITS INTENTION BY WAY OF
11 COMING UP WITH SOMETHING THAT DISTINGUISHES THE COUNTY IN A
12 WAY THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD. AND I AM
13 CERTAINLY OPEN TO WORKING THOSE ISSUES THROUGH. MR. CHAIRMAN,
14 I WANT TO GIVE MY ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO ALL THOSE PERSONS WHO CAME
15 TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO HANG IN. THIS IS
16 A DELIBERATIVE PROCESS. IT IS HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS.

17
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? IF NOT,
19 THEN CAN YOU GET BACK TO US IN A WEEK OR DO YOU WANT TWO
20 WEEKS?

21
22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TWO, IF POSSIBLE.

23
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO WEEKS, OKAY.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL BE HERE. WE GO TO WASHINGTON THE
4 FOLLOWING WEEK. OKAY. TWO WEEKS IS FINE. THANK YOU. SO ORDERED
5 AGAIN. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANYTHING
6 ELSE?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DID YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DID.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
15 ADJOURNMENTS OR ANY ITEMS YOU HELD?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN THIS MORNING IN
18 THE MEMORY OF A LONGTIME COUNTY RESIDENT, DEAR FRIEND OF MINE,
19 BENJAMIN FLORES. WE CALLED HIM BENJY. HE IS THE BELOVED
20 HUSBAND OF, OF COURSE, MY GOOD FRIEND GLORIA FLORES. HE DIED
21 THIS PAST WEEKEND. HE WAS SURROUNDED BY HIS MANY LOVING
22 FRIENDS AS WELL AS ALL OF HIS CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND
23 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS A VERY NICE GUY, AS PEOPLE SAY. HE
24 LOVED SPORTS. SINCE HE RETIRED, HE ENJOYED WATCHING ALL KINDS
25 OF SPORTS. IT BROUGHT GREAT JOY TO HIM. AND WE WATCHED THAT

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1 JOY, IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY HAVE SO
2 MUCH ENJOYMENT JUST SITTING IN FRONT OF A T.V. AS THIS
3 GENTLEMAN DID. BUT HE ALSO ENJOYED BEING WITH HIS FAMILY. SO I
4 WANT TO EXTEND OUR PERSONAL CONDOLENCES TO GLORIA AND HER
5 ENTIRE FAMILY. AND WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. ANY OTHER ITEMS? I WOULD
8 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANKIE POWELL NEAL. FRANKIE
9 WAS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA IN 1936. SHE IS THE MOTHER TO
10 COUNCILMEMBER STEVE NEAL OF CITY OF LONG BEACH. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 57 YEARS, EARL, THREE CHILDREN,
12 STEVE, SHAWN, AND SONYA AND THEIR SPOUSES, FOUR SIBLINGS AS
13 WELL AS 8 GRANDCHILDREN AND 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AS WELL AS
14 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. SHE HAD A LONG CAREER IN THE
15 MEDICAL FIELD SERVING AT THE LONG BEACH VETERANS HOSPITAL, 30
16 YEARS AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND TORRANCE. SHE RETIRED IN 2001 AND
17 ENJOYED QUALITY TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND TRAVELING. SHE WILL
18 BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. AND THEN I HAVE SUPERVISOR
19 ANTONOVICH'S ADJOURNMENTS WHICH I WILL READ. ADJOURN IN MEMORY
20 OF THE FOLLOWING. THOMAS JOHN VIOLA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
21 OF 77. PROMINENT LAWYER WITH GILBERT, KELLY CROWLEY AND JENNET
22 IN 1963. GRADUATED FROM LOYOLA. HE WAS ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS
23 FOR LOYOLA MARYMONT. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE JUDICIAL NOMINEES
24 EVALUATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 50 YEARS, CAROLE,
25 SEVEN CHILDREN AND 17 GRANDCHILDREN. THEN ALSO ALL MEMBERS IN

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1 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF MICKEY ROONEY, HOLLYWOOD ICON WHO JUST
2 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 93 AS WE ALL KNOW. HE
3 ATTENDED AND WAS HONORED AT MANY OF OUR SENIOR BANQUETS OVER
4 THE YEARS AND A GOOD FRIEND OF ALL. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 TONI BAKER, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. JOSEPH
6 BIAFORA, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SERVED IN THE ARMY IN WORLD WAR
7 II AND WAS A FIRST LIEUTENANT, RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART. HE
8 GRADUATED FROM THE U.S.C .SCHOOL OF LAW, LATER BECAME C.E.O.
9 OF VALLEY FEDERAL SAVINGS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STEFI AND
10 THEIR THREE CHILDREN. GOING BACK TO TONI BAKER, SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN ROBERT, MIKE AND JAN AND THEIR
12 FAMILIES. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB BROWN, LONGTIME
13 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES AIR
14 FORCE, VERY ACTIVE IN MASONIC LODGE AND LUTHERAN CHURCH. HE IS
15 DESCRIBED SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ROSEMARY, CHILDREN LEISSA, GARY
16 AND MARIANNE, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
17 SHELBY HUSKEY, A COUSIN OF THE LATE FERLIN HUSKEY, POPULAR
18 COUNTRY AND WESTERN ARTIST. SHELBY SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES
19 DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS IN THE OIL BUSINESS, PRODUCED
20 SPECIALTY LUBRICANTS THAT WERE SOLD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE
21 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOYCE, THEIR THREE DAUGHTERS AND
22 STEPSON. ALSO THAT WE JOIN IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA
23 BICKLEY- JONES, SHE WAS THE HEAD CUSTODY RECORD CLERK FOR THE
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HER LAST ASSIGNMENT
25 WAS INMATE RECEPTION CENTER AT COUNTY JAIL. WE ADJOURN IN

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1 MEMORY OF SISTER CHARLOTTE RIGALI, SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH'S
2 [CARONDELET] WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE TAUGHT
3 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL HERE FOR OVER 20 YEARS. SHE IS
4 SURVIVED BY HER BROTHERS CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI AND REVEREND
5 NORBERT RIGALI AS WELL AS NUMEROUS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. FINALLY
6 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAUL SALAMUNOVICH, GRAMMY-
7 NOMINATED CONDUCTOR FOR THE LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE, WHO
8 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING
9 WORLD WAR II. TAUGHT AT LOYOLA MARYMONT, MOUNT ST. MARY'S
10 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. THORNTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC. SURVIVED
11 BY HIS WIFE MORE THAN 60 YEARS, DOTTIE, HIS SONS JOHN,
12 STEPHAN, JOSEPH AND THOMAS, AND THOSE ARE SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH'S ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. ITEM 46? OR DID WE DO
14 THAT ALREADY? YES, JERRY? JERRY, I KNOW THAT YOU'RE CURRENTLY
15 REVIEWING THE L.A. WORKS PIECE FOR SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS THAT
16 WE'VE HAD WITH THEM ON OTHER COUNTY CONTRACTS. THEIR
17 SUBCONTRACTOR FOR HEALTH RIGHT 360 ON THIS ONE, I JUST WANT TO
18 KNOW IF HEALTH RIGHT CAN CHOOSE NOT TO USE THEM AS A
19 SUBCONTRACTOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE UNDERSTAND AND KNOW THE
20 ISSUES WITH L.A. WORKS ARE RESOLVED.

21

22 **JERRY POWERS:** THERE IS A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THAT TO HAPPEN,
23 MR. CHAIRMAN. CERTAINLY WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE-- WE COULD TALK
24 TO HEALTH RIGHT 360 BUT WE CERTAINLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT

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1 WE'RE NOT DOING IT ARBITRARILY OR INAPPROPRIATELY. SO WE WOULD
2 CONSULT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE ISSUES BEFORE US ARE NOT
5 ARBITRARY. I THINK WE JUST NEED TO MAKE IT CLEAR. I'M SURE
6 COUNSEL CAN GIVE YOU THE CLEARANCE THAT YOU NEED TO DO IT,
7 BUT, I MEAN, IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN OUR PACK, SHOULD
8 THESE THINGS COME TO FRUITION, THAT WE'VE AWARDED SUB
9 CONTRACTS OR THEY HAVE. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU WORK IT OUT WITH
10 COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW, IF
11 THERE'S ANY WAY POSSIBLE YOU SHOULDN'T BE USING THEM AT THIS
12 TIME.

13

14 **JERRY POWERS:** WE'LL CERTAINLY WORK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE
15 SURE WE DO THIS, WE PROCEED APPROPRIATELY, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU OKAY THERE, JOHN? YOU LOOK
18 NERVOUS.

19

20 **JOHN KRATTLI:** NO, WE WILL WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE
21 SURE WE PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MOVED BY
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 4. REALLY NOT MUCH I CAN ADD

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1 TO WHAT THE ITEM BEFORE US AND I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE OTHER
2 PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO TALK, BUT THIS IS A PACKAGE OF BILLS THAT
3 THE COUNTY IS ALREADY SPONSORING AND WE ARE AGGRESSIVELY
4 ADVOCATING FOR IN SACRAMENTO. BACK IN FEBRUARY WHEN I VISITED
5 IN SACRAMENTO, S.B.939 WITH SENATOR BLOCK WAS BROUGHT TO MY
6 ATTENTION. SO IT WOULD ALLOW SOME CONSOLIDATION FOR THE
7 MULTIPLE PIMPING AND PANDERING CHARGES FOR MULTIPLE
8 JURISDICTIONS IF ALL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN THE COUNTY AGREED
9 AND COUNTIES AGREE. SO I UNDERSTAND OUR D.A. IS IN SUPPORT OF
10 IT AND THE D.A. OF ALAMEDA COUNTY AND THE D.A. ASSOCIATION. I
11 KNOW A LOT OF THESE BILLS REALLY ENHANCE OUR ABILITY TO HELP
12 YOUNG VICTIMS OF THIS HORRIFIC CRIME. SO I REALLY ENCOURAGE
13 OUR STRONG ADVOCACY, WHICH WE ALREADY ARE DOING. AND MOVING
14 FORWARD ON MULTIPLE FRONTS WHATEVER WE CAN DO TO HELP THESE
15 YOUNG VICTIMS. ALEXIS REINIER. DAYVON WILLIAMS, KIM MCGILL,
16 ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC PREVEN, DR. CLAVREUL IS STILL HERE OR NOT?
17 WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO COME UP AND GO FORWARD, PLEASE.

18

19 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, WE REALLY APPRECIATE
20 THE ABILITY TO RESPOND. MY NAME'S KIM MCGILL. I'M WITH THE
21 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. MANY Y.J.C. MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED
22 IN SURVIVAL SEX, OR WHAT'S KNOWN AS SEX TRAFFICKING AND HAVE
23 HORRIFIC STORIES ABOUT THE VIOLENCE THEY'VE ENDURED OR THE
24 OTHER KINDS OF EXPLOITATION THEY'VE ENDURED GOING THROUGH THE
25 SYSTEM. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE BILLS AS THEY ARE NOW

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1 WRITTEN. AND WE WANTED TO OFFER SOME SUPPORT TO MAKE THEM
2 BETTER. FIRST, WE'RE VERY CONCERNED WITH THE LANGUAGE THAT IS
3 INCREASINGLY USED AROUND SEX TRAFFICKING TO REFER TO IT AS A
4 WAR ON SEX TRAFFICKING OR A WAR ON SEXUAL PREDATORS. 40 YEARS
5 AGO WHEN THE WAR ON DRUGS WAS FIRST DECLARED AND 33 YEARS AGO
6 WHEN THE MODERN WAR OR GANGS WAS DECLARED, THIS GIVES US A LOT
7 OF INFORMATION NOW ABOUT HOW ENGAGING IN A WAR AGAINST PEOPLE
8 PRIMARILY BECOMES A WAR AGAINST YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLOR. IT
9 INCLUDES MANDATORY MINIMUMS. ELIMINATES DISCRETION OF JUDGES.
10 PAINTS EVERYONE WITH THE SAME BRUSH REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE OR
11 CIRCUMSTANCES. FOCUSES ON EXTREME SENTENCING, FOCUSES ON
12 INCARCERATION AND PUNISHMENT RATHER THAN PREVENTION,
13 INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT AND HAS LED US TO THE BUILDUP OF
14 THE WORLD'S LARGEST JAIL AND PRISON SYSTEM. INSTEAD, WE THINK
15 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD IN A DIFFERENT
16 DIRECTION, HAVING LEARNED BOTH FROM HISTORY AND MOST
17 IMPORTANTLY LEARNING FROM OUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF HOW
18 THE SYSTEM IMPACTED US. WE ARE CALLING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THESE
19 BILLS THAT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 1) DECRIMINALIZE YOUTH SEX
20 WORKERS AND MOVE THEM OR DIVERT INSTEAD TO RESOURCES FOR
21 HEALTH, COUNSELING, TRAUMA, INFORMED HEALING AND EMPLOYMENT.
22 IN ADDITION, MAKE SURE THAT THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INVOLVEMENT
23 IN SEX TRAFFICKING AS A YOUNG PERSON DOES NOT INVOLVE YOU IN
24 JUVENILE HALL OR CAMP PROGRAMS. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S A FEW
25 DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN ALAMEDA AND L.A. COUNTY MOST NOTABLY

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1 THAT ARE A STEP TOWARD THAT BUT DON'T COVER THE WHOLE STATE
2 AND NEED TO GO FARTHER IN THOSE COUNTIES. 2) GANG ENHANCEMENTS
3 SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE BILL ESPECIALLY GIVEN HOW EASY IT
4 IS FOR ALL CHARGES TO BE DESCRIBED IN COURT AS FOR THE BENEFIT
5 OF A GANG AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR EXTREME SENTENCING,
6 ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

9

10 **KIM MCGILL** 3) DIVERSION FOR LOW LEVEL TRAFFICKING CHARGES,
11 SUCH AS LOOKOUT, SECURITY AND RECRUITERS, OFTENTIMES THE KIND
12 OF CHARGES THAT YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 GET. 4)
13 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR BUYERS. TREATMENT AND
14 EDUCATION COUNSELING BEING MORE EFFECTIVE.

15

16 **>>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REDUCE THAT TO WRITING FOR US, THEN.
17 THANK YOU. NEXT?

18

19 **ALEXIS REINIER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS ALEXIS REINIER WE AT THE
20 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION CANNOT SUPPORT THESE BILLS AS THEY ARE
21 NOW WRITTEN. IF YOUR INTENTION OF WRITING THESE BILLS IS TO
22 HELP PROTECT SEX WORKERS YOU MUST COME TO THE INDUSTRY ITSELF
23 WITH RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITY TO EXIT THE INDUSTRY.
24 CRIMINALIZING SELLERS AND BUYERS WILL ONLY PERPETUATE THE
25 SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE PEOPLE THAT

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1 TURN TO THIS INDUSTRY TO BEGIN WITH. IN ORDER TO STOP THIS
2 CYCLE, WE MUST FOCUS FIRST AND FOREMOST ON PROVIDING
3 HEALTHCARE, COUNSELING, TRAUMA INFORMED HEALING AND EMPLOYMENT
4 AND OTHER RESOURCES TO SEX WORKERS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT

7

8 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS FROM THE YOUTH
9 JUSTICE COALITION, COMING FROM MY WALK OF LIFE, I UNDERSTAND
10 THAT YOUTH SEX WORKERS DO THE WORK SOMETIMES BY CHOICE,
11 SOMETIMES BY FORCE. BUT EITHER WAY, WE ARE ARRESTED AND LOCKED
12 UP. THE CONCEPT OF LEGALIZED PROSTITUTION MEETS MOST OF ITS
13 OPPONENTS ON MORAL GROUNDS. HOWEVER, LEGAL IS NOT SYNONYMOUS
14 WITH MORALS. AND OUR GOVERNMENT CANNOT PRESUME TO LEGISLATE
15 MORALITY. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO HAVE SEX WORKERS? WELL, SUPPLY
16 THEM WITH CONDOMS, HOUSE RESOURCES, WITH EMPLOYMENT AND
17 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. I AM ALSO ASKING YOU NOT TO CRIMINALIZE
18 SEX WORKERS. WE ARE ALL HUMANS WHO DESERVE HUMANITY AND
19 RESPECT. IN ADDITION, THE BILL SHOULD NOT TREAT YOUTH INVOLVED
20 WITH SEX TRAFFICKING THE SAME AS SELLERS. THERE IS A MAJOR
21 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 40-YEAR-OLD PIMPING OR HAVING SEXUAL
22 ACTIVITY WITH A SEX WORKER OR JOHN WHO IS 12 YEARS OLD
23 COMPARED TO BEING WITH A PERSON INVOLVED THAT IS 17 YEARS OLD.
24 WE NEED LAWS THAT SEE THAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SEPARATE

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1 SITUATIONS LIKE THAT. THAT IS NEEDED. JUDGES ULTIMATELY SHOULD
2 ENFORCE THE POWER TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. THIS
7 IS THE SECOND OR THIRD TIME, MAYBE MORE, THAT YOU'VE HAD THIS
8 ITEM BEFORE YOU. AND I REMEMBER LAST YEAR YOU HAD THIS ITEM
9 BEFORE YOU, YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING, THE SHERIFF CAME IN AND
10 TALKED ABOUT THE PROBLEM WITH SEX TRAFFICKING, THE FLORENCE-
11 FIRESTONE AREA. AND THE NEWSPAPER STORY WENT ON TO QUOTE THE
12 SHERIFF SAYING THAT WE ONLY HAVE TWO INVESTIGATORS IN THE AREA
13 RIGHT NOW. BUT THEY ALSO TALK TO SOMEBODY FROM CHILDREN OF THE
14 NIGHT, THE ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS PEOPLE THAT ARE INVOLVED IN
15 SEX TRAFFICKING. AND I CAN'T RECALL THE NAME OF THE WOMAN WHO
16 RUNS THE ORGANIZATION. I KNOW SHE DOES A FANTASTIC JOB, I
17 BELIEVE, BUT SHE MENTIONED THAT-- AND I'M PRETTY SURE I'M
18 QUOTING HER, SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS IS JUST
19 GRANDSTANDING BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THEY REALLY
20 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM. SO I'M WONDERING: HAVE YOU
21 INVOLVED THIS PERSON FROM CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT, HAS SHE GIVEN
22 ANY INPUT TO ANY OF THIS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. SHE DID NOT INDICATE IT WAS
25 GRANDSTANDING.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO YOU DON'T THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE FOR HER TO BE
3 HERE TO PRESENT IN FRONT OF YOU SOME OF HER SUGGESTIONS?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SHE HAS.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SHE HAS? SHE'S COME TO SOME OF THESE MEETINGS? I
8 MUST HAVE MISSED THEM BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE I'VE BEEN HERE
9 QUITE OFTEN FOR ALL THE MEETINGS THAT I DON'T RECALL EVER
10 SEEING HER HERE AT ALL. AND THE FACT THAT SHE WOULD MAKE THAT
11 COMMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER AND THEN TURN AROUND AND COME AND
12 SUPPORT YOU, THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EITHER. BUT THAT'S BOARD
13 DIRECTIVE. AND THEN SOME OF THE POLICIES HERE. 10,000 FOR
14 CONVICTED OF SOLICITING A MINOR. SO WHAT IF THE CHARGES ARE
15 DROPPED DOWN? I MEAN MULTIPLE CHARGES. WE KNOW THAT THAT
16 HAPPENS. WHAT HAPPENS THEN? IT'S THE BOARD GRANDSTANDING.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, SIR.

23

24 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN AND COUNTY RESIDENT FOR
25 DISTRICT 3 AND ALSO THE CANDIDATE FOR THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL

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1 DISTRICT RACE. I WANT TO SAY THAT I'M APPRECIATIVE OF THIS
2 BOARD'S EFFORT TO BRING CLARITY AND LIGHT ABOUT THIS HORRIBLE
3 SCOURGE OF THE SEX TRAFFICKING INDUSTRY. AND I MUST SAY THE
4 BOARD HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ATTENTIVE TO THIS VERY ISSUE.
5 YOU'VE BEEN-- IT COMES UP ALMOST WEEKLY. AND IT IS A GOOD
6 OPPORTUNITY TO STAND TOGETHER AND HOLD THE LINE ON THIS
7 HORRIBLE CONDITION AND TRY TO MAKE SOME EFFORT. BUT I'M
8 CONCERNED THAT WE DO THAT AND YET SOMETIMES THE FOCUS IS ON--
9 FOR EXAMPLE, A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO WE CAME DOWN WITH SOME
10 PROPOSALS TO MAKE IT I BELIEVE A FELONY INSTEAD OF A
11 MISDEMEANOR SOME OF THESE CHARGES. BUT THEY WERE NOT THE
12 CHARGES THAT WE ALL ARE VERY, VERY FOCUSED ON, WHICH IS THESE
13 PIMPS OR THE TRAFFICKERS. THEY WERE THE CHARACTERS WHO GET,
14 YOU KNOW, CAUGHT AND THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGE AND
15 HOW WE CAN TELL THAT THESE ARE MINORS RATHER THAN ADULTS. AND
16 MY CONCERN IS THAT WHEN THE D.A. COMES TO THE TABLE ON
17 SOMETHING LIKE THIS, THAT WE SHOULD ALSO BE DOING THE
18 PROACTIVE OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY. I KNOW THAT MANY OF THE
19 PROGRAMS THAT ARE FIGHTING THIS DO COME DOWN TO THIS BOARD. I
20 JUST WISH THAT WE COULD BE PROPOSING, LIKE YOU WERE, SIR, THAT
21 REGIONAL PLANNING TAKE A BIGGER INITIATIVE. YOU WERE FOCUSED
22 ON THE MATERNITY HOTELS SOME MONTHS AGO. BUT IN IS AN ISSUE
23 WHERE REGIONAL PLANNING DOWN ON LONG BEACH BOULEVARD COULD BE
24 LOOKING AT SOME OF THE WAYS TO SHUT DOWN THAT ZONE. I JUST
25 THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO BRING THIS ISSUE UP, BUT I THINK

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1 THAT WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT MAKING THE CONDITIONS IN THE
2 COMMUNITIES WHERE THE MOST VULNERABLE ARE BETTER. MAKE THE
3 CONDITIONS BETTER SO THAT THESE CHOICES CAN BE DEFLECTED AND
4 THAT WE CAN CLEAN UP THIS HORRIBLE MESS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOCUS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ON THAT PARTICULAR
11 ITEM, I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER. I THINK WE HAVE PUBLIC
13 COMMENTS. AGAIN, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, A NUMBER OF FOLKS HAVE
14 SIGNED UP ON THE MENINGITIS ISSUE. AND I'M GOING TO ASK DR.
15 FIELDING IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD BEFORE I CALL ALL OF YOU UP
16 TO COMMENT ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND WHAT'S HAPPENING, WHAT'S BEING
17 DONE. AND THEN I WILL CALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UP TO COMMENT
18 ON DR. FIELDING'S COMMENTS. DR. FIELDING?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SUPERVISOR.
21 MINOR CASE OF LARYNGITIS BUT I WILL TRY AND TALK THROUGH IT,
22 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TO ADDRESS YOU
23 AND THE REST OF THE BOARD, MR. CHAIR. WE KNOW THAT THIS ISSUE
24 OF INVASIVE MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE IS ONE THAT CAN CAUSE GREAT
25 CONCERN. IT IS A SERIOUS DISEASE. IT HAS A RELATIVELY HIGH

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1 FATALITY RATE. AND WE'RE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT IT CAN
2 AFFECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. AND WE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN
3 THAT SOME PARTS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE EVINced, PAST AND
4 CURRENTLY, ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR GETTING THIS DISEASE AND
5 THE POTENTIAL FOR HAVING VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. SO WE ARE
6 VERY SENSITIVE TO THAT AND UNDERSTAND IT. LET ME JUST GO OVER
7 WHAT'S LED UP TO OUR CURRENT RECOMMENDATION. ON MARCH 7TH WE
8 GAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE FULL EXPERIENCE OF MENINGOCOCCAL
9 DISEASE IN 2013 TO THE PROVIDERS WHO WERE INTERESTED. AND WE
10 DID THAT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN
11 INTERESTED IN KEEPING ABREAST OF THE SITUATION THERE. LATER IN
12 MARCH, IN FACT AT THE END OF MARCH, THERE WERE TWO ADDITIONAL
13 CASES. THERE HAD ONLY BEEN ONE IN JANUARY, ONE IN FEBRUARY,
14 TWO ADDITIONAL CASES OF MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN, AND THAT
15 LED TO OUR ANALYSIS THAT THERE WERE FOUR OUT OF EIGHT CASES
16 OVER THAT THREE-MONTH PERIOD THAT WERE MEN WHO HAD SEX WITH
17 MEN. WE INVESTIGATED EACH CASE VERY CAREFULLY. WE FOUND NO
18 COMMONALITIES IN TERMS OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO. BUT THERE
19 WERE OTHER ISSUES. ONE, THREE OUT OF FOUR EITHER LIVED IN WEST
20 OR NORTH HOLLYWOOD OR SOCIALIZED THERE. THREE OF THE FOUR HAD
21 VERY CLOSE AGES, 26-28, AND THREE OF THE FOUR WERE H.I.V.
22 POSITIVE. BASED ON THIS AND BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PROPORTION OF
23 MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN, WE CONSULTED CAREFULLY WITH THE
24 CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA AND THE CALIFORNIA
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND BASED ON THAT WE DECIDED TO

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1 CHANGE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR MENINGOCOCCAL IMMUNIZATION
2 BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE PROACTIVE IN PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY.
3 AND WE RECOMMENDED THAT AS PART OF ROUTINE CARE, THOSE WHO ARE
4 H.I..V POSITIVE AND THOSE WHO ARE H.I.V. NEGATIVE WHO HAVE
5 ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE THEIR RISK BE IMMUNIZED AS PART OF THE
6 NORMAL ARE YOU TEEN IMMUNIZATIONS AS PART OF THEIR CONTINUING
7 CARE. WE DID THIS ON I THINK 2ND OF APRIL AND WE WORKED ON TWO
8 TRACKS. ONE WAS PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH
9 INCLUDED A PRESS RELEASE AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS. AND THIS WAS
10 REALLY FOCUSED ON THE CHANGE IN RECOMMENDATIONS. AND IT WAS
11 NOT BASED ON THE RELATIVE FATALITY. HOWEVER, THE PRESS RELEASE
12 DID INADVERTENTLY OMIT THAT THERE HAD BEEN THREE DEATHS, EVEN
13 THOUGH THAT WASN'T THE BASIS OF OUR RECOMMENDATION. ON THE
14 OTHER HAND, THAT INFORMATION WAS ON OUR WEBSITE. THE
15 INFORMATION WAS IN THE HEALTH ALERT THAT WE SENT TO ALL
16 PROVIDERS. SO THERE WAS NO EFFORT TO TRY AND KEEP ANY OF THAT
17 INFORMATION, OBVIOUSLY. WE DID IN OUR INTERVIEWS INDICATE THAT
18 IT HAD A HIGH FATALITY RATE. THE SECOND TRACK THAT WE WORKED
19 WITH AND PUSHED VERY HARD IS IMPORTANT, IS TO MAKE VACCINE
20 AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING IT TO OUR COMMUNITY
21 PARTNERS, WE OPENED FIVE OF OUR CLINICS WITH EXTENDED HOURS
22 AND WEEKEND HOURS SO THAT PEOPLE WHO NEEDED TO GET THE
23 VACCINE, WHO WANTED TO GET THE VACCINE AND DIDN'T HAVE
24 INSURANCE, DIDN'T HAVE ANOTHER PLACE TO GET IT COULD GET IT.
25 AND WE GAVE ALL THAT INFORMATION TO 211 SO PEOPLE COULD CALL

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1 AND FIND OUT WHEN AND WHERE THE VACCINE WOULD BE AVAILABLE. WE
2 ASSURED VACCINE FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS FREE OF CHARGE AND
3 URGED THEM TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WERE CONCERNED
4 ABOUT IT. IN ADDITION, WE OUTREACHED TO PROVIDERS. AND I'D
5 LIKE TO ASK DR. SONALI KULKARNI WHO IS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF
6 D.H.S.P. TO SUMMARIZE WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH PROVIDERS.

7

8 **SONALI KULKARNI:** THANKS, DR. FIELDING. MY NAME'S SONALI
9 KULKARNI. I'M THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF H.I.V.
10 AND S.T.D. PROGRAMS AS DR. FIELDING SAID. SO TO SUMMARIZE SOME
11 OF OUR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES, ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1ST THE
12 DIVISION OF H.I.V. AND S.T.D. PROGRAMS, OR D.H.S.P., WE HAD
13 OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP STAFF REACH OUT TO MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO PROVIDE
15 PREVENTION AND CARE SERVICES TO H.I.V. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE
16 M.S.M. TO LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THE NEW VACCINE RECOMMENDATIONS.
17 THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT 11 A.M., THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
18 HEALTH ISSUED THE PRESS RELEASE, CONCERNING THE INCREASED
19 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AMONG M.S.M AND INCLUDED A LIST OF THE
20 PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS OFFERING VACCINE STARTING THE FOLLOWING
21 DAY. A HEALTH ALERT WAS ISSUED TO MEDICAL PROVIDERS ACROSS
22 L.A. COUNTY REGARDING EPIDEMIOLOGY AND NEW RECOMMENDATIONS. AT
23 THE SAME TIME AS THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF D.H.S.P., I SENT THE
24 PRESS RELEASE AND THE HEALTH ALERT TO MEDICAL DIRECTORS AND
25 COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF OUR DIVISION. DR. FIELDING, MYSELF, AND

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1 OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT HAD A CONFERENCE CALL WITH THE CITY
2 OF LONG BEACH AS WELL AS PASADENA TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.
3 D.H.S.P. STAFF MEMBER KYLE BAKER ALSO PRESENTED AN UPDATE TO
4 THE COMMISSION ON H.I..V THE SAME DAY. THE FOLLOWING DAY ON
5 APRIL 3RD AT 3 P.M. THE DEPARTMENT HOSTED A CONFERENCE CALL
6 FOR OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO SHARE BACKGROUND, EPIDEMIOLOGY,
7 DISCUSS THE USE OF LANGUAGE REGARDING THE MENINGITIS CASES AND
8 ANSWER QUESTIONS. D.P.H. AND D.H.S.P. CONTINUED TO WORK WITH
9 OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROVIDE VACCINE WHERE IT'S NEEDED TO
10 MEET THE NEEDS OF THE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VACCINE.

11

12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU. I POINT OUT WE CONTINUE TO
13 WORK WITH COMMUNITY PROVIDERS ON COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND
14 COLLABORATING WITH OTHER COUNTIES. RIVERSIDE AND SAN FRANCISCO
15 HAVE ADOPTED THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE'RE AWARE THE WHITE
16 PARTY, WHICH IS IMMINENT AND THE CONCERN THAT THAT COULD
17 EVINCE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF HAVING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS
18 FROM DIFFERENT COUNTIES IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE IN
19 CONCERT WITH WHAT WE'RE SAYING. SO IN SUMMARY, I'M ACTUALLY
20 PROUD OF THE RESPONSE OF OUR DEPARTMENT. I THINK WE'VE BEEN
21 RESPONSIVE. I THINK WE'VE BEEN TIMELY. AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN
22 SENSITIVE TO THE CONCERNS OF GETTING INFORMATION OUT IN A
23 TIMELY MANNER. SO I'D BE HAPPY TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS THAT
24 OTHERS MAY HAVE AND TRY AND-- BUT WE BELIEVE THIS HAS BEEN A
25 GOOD RESPONSE, A TIMELY RESPONSE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS BEFORE WE
3 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT? THANK YOU. OKAY. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS
4 I'LL CALL UP FOUR AT A TIME. EDUARDO MARTINEZ, DAVID BERRY,
5 QUINN MARTIN, PHILIP REH? AFTER THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS, IF
6 THEY WANT TO MOVE FORWARD, WHITNEY ENGERAN AND LAILA GORING,
7 AND DYLAN CANTRELL AND LAURA GUTIERREZ WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR.
8 OKAY WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO AHEAD, PLEASE, JUST IDENTIFY
9 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

10

11 **EDUARDO MARTINEZ.:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. BUENOS DIAS,
12 SENORA MOLINA. MY NAME IS LEONARDO MARTINEZ. I'M H.I.V.
13 POSITIVE. I'M WORRIED THE COUNTY HAS NOT DONE ENOUGH TO
14 PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT SEEMS THAT THERE
15 ARE DIFFERENT STRINGS OF MENINGITIS IN LOS ANGELES. I'M
16 CONCERNED THAT IT TOOK FOUR PEOPLE TO L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC. I
17 HAVE QUESTIONS. HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE PLAN TO REACH ALL
18 THE PEOPLE THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH SO THEY KNOW ABOUT THE
19 MENINGITIS CASES? AND SHOULD I BE WORRIED THAT THAT THE HEAD
20 OFFICIALS, SO NOW GOT STRAIN IS INVOLVED? I FEEL THAT YOU
21 WOULD NOW, AFTER EIGHT CONFIRMED CASES. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

24

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1 **DAVID BERRY:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DAVID BERRY. GOOD
2 MORNING. I STAND WITH A.H.F. BECAUSE IT CARES ABOUT THE PEOPLE
3 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME OF
4 THE ISSUES THAT WORRY ME ABOUT THE MENINGITIS CASES IN LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY. WE LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT VACCINES THAT YOU
6 PUT OUT FOR THE WHOOPING COUGH, THE FLU, ALL THE THINGS WITH
7 THE KIDS WHERE THEY CAN MAKE IT TO SCHOOL AND BE SAFE AND COME
8 HOME GERM AND DISEASE-FREE. BUT NOW IT SEEMS WE CAN'T FIND
9 THESE VACCINES, BUT ONLY IN FIVE CASES YOU DID PUT THEM OUT.
10 WHAT ABOUT RITE-AID, WHAT ABOUT WALGREENS WHAT ABOUT C.V.S.,
11 WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE PLACES? MAKE IT MORE READY, MORE
12 AVAILABLE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ALL
13 OVER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EVERYWHERE. IF THIS THINGS
14 BREAKS OUT AND GOES ANY FURTHER, YOU KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE
15 SOMETHING SERIOUS. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

18

19 **EDUARDO MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS EDUARDO MARTINEZ.
20 I'M AN H.I.V. POSITIVE PERSON FOR 25 YEARS. AND I'M VERY
21 CONCERNED OF THE EFFORTS THAT A.H.F. IS DOING IN ORDER TO MAKE
22 THIS VACCINE MORE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE GAY H.I.V./A.I.D.S.
23 COMMUNITY. AND WOULD YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEASURE IN ORDER
24 TO SECURE A MORE HEALTHY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **QUINN MARTIN:** HELLO, MY NAME IS QUINN MARTIN. AS AN H.I.V.
4 POSITIVE GAY MAN, I KNOW I AM AT HIGH RISK FOR GETTING
5 MENINGITIS. AND I DO HOPE THE COMMUNITY WILL WORK WITH THE
6 COMMUNITY GROUPS OR CLINICS TO REACH MORE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9

10 **PHILIP REH:** HI, MY NAME IS PHILIP REH. I'M THE ASSOCIATE
11 DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
12 FOUNDATION AND I'M LIVING WITH H.I.V. PER THE COUNTY'S
13 RECOMMENDATION, I WAS VACCINATED FOR MENINGITIS ON FRIDAY. I
14 WAS INFORMED BY MY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT I WILL NEED A
15 FOLLOW UP VACCINATION IN EIGHT WEEKS. SO IT HAD ME WONDERING
16 WHAT IS THE COUNTY FOLLOW UP PLAN FOR THOSE H.I.V. POSITIVE
17 PEOPLE THAT THEY'VE VACCINATED IN COUNTY CLINICS? HOW IS THE
18 COUNTY TRACKING AN EIGHT WEEK FOLLOW UP FOR THIS RISK
19 POPULATION? IS THERE A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN TO KEEP PEOPLE
20 ENGAGED IN THEIR CARE FOR WATCHING OUT FOR MENINGITIS? WILL
21 VACCINATIONS STILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER EIGHT WEEKS? THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **GLORIA GUTIERREZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS GLORIA GUTIERREZ,
2 AND I'M A RETIRED REGISTERED NURSE. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING
3 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR A WHILE. THE REASON I'M HERE IS TO
4 SPEAK TO THE RECENT OUTBREAK IN MENINGITIS. I'M TRYING TO
5 FIGURE OUT WHY IS THIS SO DIFFERENT? BECAUSE AT PRINCETON AND
6 IN SANTA BARBARA THEY HAD A RECENT OUTBREAK AND THEY ATTACKED
7 THIS RIGHT AWAY. I'M BARELY-- YOU ARE BARELY FINDING OUT ABOUT
8 THIS RECENTLY. IF YOU GO TO THE WEBSITE, YES, IT IS THERE. BUT
9 YOU HAVE TO HUNT FOR IT. SO WHY ARE WE JUST HEARING ABOUT
10 THIS? WHERE ARE THE DOCUMENTATION TO SHOW HOW WIDESPREAD THIS
11 OUTBREAK IS? AND YOU'RE TARGETING THE H.I.V. PATIENTS AND
12 THAT'S A GOOD POPULATION TO START WITH. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE IN
13 MIND THAT THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS ALSO AT RISK. SHARING
14 CIGARETTES, SHARING MARIJUANA CIGARETTES, SHARING DRINKS,
15 SHARING DRUGS. YOU HAVE TO ATTACK THIS ISSUE UP FORTH AND SO
16 FORTH. SO IS THERE ENOUGH TIME TO ADEQUATELY VACCINATE ALL OF
17 THESE PEOPLE? SO MY QUESTION IS THAT THE PUBLIC DOES HAVE A
18 RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT ITS GOVERNMENT IS DOING. AND THE ANSWER TO
19 THE QUESTIONS THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE ASKING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
20 TIME.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I'D ASK MIKI JACKSON, RUBEN
23 DELARA, PABLO CEBALLOS AND HECTOR HERNANDEZ TO JOIN US,
24 PLEASE? GO AHEAD, WHITNEY

25

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1 **WHITNEY ENGERAN:** HI THERE. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS
2 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS WHITNEY ENGERAN CORDOVA. I'M SENIOR
3 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION FOR A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
4 FOUNDATION. I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO COMMENT ON THE RECENT
5 MENINGITIS CASES IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WANTED TO ASK, I DIDN'T
6 HEAR FROM DR. FIELDING, IF THE VACCINATIONS WERE GOING TO BE
7 AVAILABLE AFTER THE 11TH OF THIS MONTH? HE ORIGINALLY HAD
8 INDICATED THAT THAT IS WHEN IT WOULD END. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT
9 OTHER POSSIBLE CASES IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BEEN VERY
10 CONCERNED THAT THE CASES ARE NOT BEING REPORTED. I UNDERSTAND
11 THAT OVERSIGHTS HAPPEN, BUT NOT TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT DEATHS OR
12 THAT ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE DIED IN TWO HOURS IS A
13 SIGNIFICANT OVERSIGHT FOR FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW.
14 THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE CONCERNED AND SCARED ABOUT THIS. SO
15 FAR, A.H.F. HAS VACCINATED ABOUT 100 INDIVIDUALS AT OUR OUR
16 WELLNESS CENTER AT 1300 NORTH VERMONT STREET IN SUITE 407 IN
17 L.A. WE ARE OPEN MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS AND
18 SATURDAYS, 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND 9:30 A.M. TO 4:30
19 P.M. ON SATURDAY. I WILL NOTE THAT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY
20 VACCINE FROM THE COUNTY AND HAVE PURCHASED OUR OWN AND WOULD
21 APPRECIATE SOME ASSISTANCE IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR THOSE
22 VACCINES. FINALLY, DR. FIELDING HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE MOST
23 IMPORTANT-- THAT THIS IS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AND THAT THE THEME
24 IS THAT PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNICATE OPENLY WITH

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1 COMMUNITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGE AND RESPOND TO THOSE COMMUNITIES,
2 LARGE AND SMALL. WE CAN'T BE DEAF TO GENUINE IN HEARTFELT
3 CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHITNEY, IF YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP FOR
6 ME.

7

8 **WHITNEY ENGERAN:** SURE. GAY PEOPLE'S HEALTH HAVE BEEN
9 HISTORICALLY AND VERY NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY GOVERNMENT
10 INACTION, LACK OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. AND I ASK THAT WE CONTINUE
11 TO WORK ON BEING COMMUNICATIVE WITH THIS COMMUNITY AS THIS
12 CRISIS CONTINUES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **DYLAN CANTRELL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DYLAN CANTRELL. I'M HERE
15 TODAY BECAUSE I FOUND OUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN EIGHT CONFIRMED
16 CASES OF MENINGITIS IN LOS ANGELES THIS YEAR. WHAT ARE THE
17 NEXT STEPS THE COUNTY IS TAKING TO PREVENT A FUTURE OUTBREAK
18 OF MENINGITIS? IT SEEMS TO BE THE SECOND TIME GAY MEN HAVE
19 BEEN AT RISK FOR MENINGITIS. DOES THE COUNTY HAVE SOME TYPE OF
20 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT OR MARKETING TO INFORM THE
21 POPULATION AT RISK? DR. FIELDING SAID ON C.B.S. NEWS THAT
22 KISSING AND SHARING DRINKS PUTS PEOPLE AT RISK OR EXPOSURE. HE
23 ALSO SAID THAT PEOPLE WHO SEEK PARTNERS THROUGH DIGITAL
24 APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE VACCINATED. ARE YOU PLANNING ANY TYPE
25 OF SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN? THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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4 **LAILA GORING:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAILA GORING. I AM THE
5 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER FOR THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
6 FOUNDATION AND I'M HERE TO SHARE SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT OUR
7 CLIENTS HAVE SHARED WITH THE ORGANIZATION. AND IT IS ABOUT THE
8 ABILITY TO HAVE VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE COMMUNITY, THE
9 ABILITY TO BE INFORMED, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT
10 DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH AS A FIRST LANGUAGE AND THE CONCERN ABOUT
11 HAVING THE VACCINATION ONLY AVAILABLE FOR EIGHT DAYS. THE MAIN
12 QUESTION WOULD BE, WHAT WOULD THE PATIENTS DO AFTER THAT EIGHT
13 DAYS? WHERE COULD THEY GO AND GET THE VACCINATION FOR FREE?
14 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE, I'LL HAVE DR.
17 FIELDING ADDRESS THE ISSUE AFTER THE 11TH.

18

19 **PABLO CEBALLOS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PABLO CEBALLOS. GOOD
20 AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE I
21 FOUND OUT THAT THERE IS EIGHT CONFIRMED CASES OF MENINGITIS IN
22 LOS ANGELES THIS YEAR. ONE IN PARTICULAR, THERE IS A LOS
23 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN
24 HOSPITALIZED FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS, SUFFERING FROM A
25 POTENTIAL DISEASE, DEADLY DISEASE OF MENINGITIS WHICH THE

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1 INFECTED TEACHER'S STUDENTS HAVE BEEN UNKNOWINGLY EXPOSED TO.
2 SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DEASY HAS REFUSED TO ISSUE A LIFE OR DEATH
3 WARNING TO THOSE OF HIS STUDENTS WHO MAY BE INFECTED BY THIS
4 CONTAGIOUS AIRBORNE BACTERIAL DISEASE THAT IS SPREADING
5 ALARMINGLY, SOMETIMES SIMPLY BY COUGHING. SO I'M RESPECTFULLY
6 REQUESTING THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL COUNTY TAKES THE PROPER STEPS
7 TO PREVENT SUCH A FUTURE OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **RUBEN DELARA:** HI, MY NAME IS RUBEN DELARA. I'M THE PREVENTION
12 COORDINATOR AT A.H.F. SOME OF MY CONCERNS ARE YOU GUYS
13 MENTIONED THAT ABOUT BEING PROACTIVE, ABOUT DISTRIBUTING THE
14 VACCINE TO THESE CLINICS. BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A BIT MORE
15 EFFICIENT WERE YOU WERE ABLE TO HELP US OUT, AND GIVE IT TO
16 THE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE THE VACCINES TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE
17 AT HIGHER RISK OF THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK SUCH AS H.I.V.
18 POSITIVE MEN AND LESBIAN/GAY AND BISEXUALS, WHICH WAS
19 RECOMMENDED FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT HIGHER RISK AND ALSO ONE
20 OF MY QUESTIONS, TOO, IS WHY ARE THE CLINICS THAT YOU GUYS
21 OFFER ONLY OPEN UNTIL APRIL 11TH? WHY ISN'T IT CONTINUING ON
22 LONGER? THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE CLINIC SAY YOU GUYS DON'T
23 OFFER ANYMORE AFTER THAT DATE. AND ALSO WHAT DO YOU GUYS PLAN
24 ON DOING AFTER THAT? DO YOU GUYS HAVE ANY RESOURCES AFTER
25 THAT?

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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4 **MIKI JACKSON:** MIKI JACKSON. I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. AND I AM A
5 CONSULTANT WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I'VE BEEN
6 COMING HERE A LONG TIME. PRETTY SOON I'M GOING TO HAVE
7 SENIORITY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT REALLY CONCERNS ME IS
8 THAT OVER AND OVER I SEE SOME ISSUES WITH CERTAIN POPULATIONS
9 THAT JUST DON'T GET ATTENTION VERY QUICKLY. AND THAT IS THE
10 HEALTHCARE FOR GAY MEN, FOR M.S.M. FOR PEOPLE WITH H.I.V. WHAT
11 WE SEE-- AND THEN WHEN IT IS A RESPONSE. I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T
12 DO IT ON PEOPLE BUT LEAVING OUT THE THREE PEOPLE DEATH, IT
13 RECONFIRMS THE FEELING THAT THEY DON'T GET THE ATTENTION FAST
14 ENOUGH. IF THIS WAS 8 U.C.L.A. STUDENTS LIKE IT WAS PRINCETON
15 OR IF IT WAS 8 PEOPLE IN BEL AIR, THEY WOULD GET A LOT OF
16 ATTENTION. AND THE ACTIONS THAT WE GET HERE MAKE US WONDER
17 ABOUT THAT. DO WE HAVE SOME KIND OF VIGOROUS PUBLIC CAMPAIGN
18 WE'RE GOING TO DO? HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THESE
19 OUTBREAKS?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR, BEFORE YOU SPEAK
22 I'LL ASK PABLO RAMIREZ, DENISE OWENS, LEONARDO MARTINEZ, AND
23 PAUL BANKE TO JOIN US, PLEASE? AND SHELIAH WARD. GO AHEAD.

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1 **HECTOR HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS HECTOR HERNANDEZ. (SPEAKING IN
2 SPANISH) .

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GET A TRANSLATOR.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA (INTERPRETING):** BECAUSE I FEEL SOMEWHAT
7 DISCRIMINATED. I KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL EQUAL, BUT I DON'T FEEL
8 THAT WAY. THIS IS A COUNTRY OF IMMIGRANTS. WE COME FROM ALL
9 OVER THE WORLD. I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THERE ARE MANY
10 ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE-- I THINK I GOT IT ALL-- AND WHEN WE
11 RAISE THEM, THE COUNTY JUST TAKES A LONG TIME TO RESPOND TO
12 THOSE ISSUES. I'D LIKE TO SEE IF THE COUNTY WOULD-- IF WE HAVE
13 ENOUGH IMMUNIZATIONS OR VACCINATIONS IS WHAT HE'S SAYING TO
14 PROTECT GAY MEN. I AM GRATEFUL BECAUSE THE A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
15 FOUNDATION HAS TAKEN STEPS TO PROTECT THE COMMUNITY HOW CAN WE
16 RESPECT THE RESPONSIBILITY, THE DIGNITY OF THE COUNTY TO
17 PROTECT OUR PUBLIC HEALTH? MY HEALTH AND MY FRIENDS AND
18 OTHERS, WITHOUT EVER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU HAVE
19 AN OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME TYPE OF A
20 CAMPAIGN ON SOCIAL NETWORKS TO INFORM YOUNG PEOPLE WHO FIND
21 THEMSELVES AT HIGH RISK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I TRIED. BUT YOU NEED A REAL PROFESSIONAL TO DO
2 THIS.

3

4 **PABLO RAMIREZ:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON, SIR. START OVER.

7

8 **PABLO RAMIREZ (VIA INTERPRETER):** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
9 PABLO RAMIREZ AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE. I'M HERE
10 TO DISCUSS AND MENTION ABOUT MY CONCERNS I HAVE WITH THE
11 DIFFERENT CASES I HAVE GOING ON WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. LAST WEDNESDAY, THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED AN
13 ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE WAS AN ILLNESS THAT REALLY SCARED THE
14 GAY COMMUNITY. AND TO GO TO THE DOCTOR'S TO GET A SHOT.
15 HOWEVER, THEY NEVER MENTIONED THAT FOUR PEOPLE HAD DIED OF
16 THIS ILLNESS. SO HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE COUNTY'S ONLY
17 OFFERING NINE DAYS TO GET THIS SHOT? IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE
18 THAT NINE DAYS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO HELP ALL THESE PEOPLE GET
19 A VACCINATION ON TIME? THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT?

22

23 **DENISE OWENS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DENISE OWENS. AND I WAS
24 CONCERNED ABOUT THE MENINGITIS THAT WAS GOING ON THAT I HEARD
25 ABOUT FOR PEOPLE, THAT IT TOOK FOUR PEOPLE TO DIE TO BE

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1 ALERTED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY. WHERE I LIVE
2 DOWNTOWN ON SKID ROW. AND NOT ONE TIME HAVE I HEARD ABOUT THIS
3 EVEN AS I WALKED THROUGH MY DOCTOR'S OFFICE. SO TO ME, MANY
4 PEOPLE DOWN THERE DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR DO NOT EVEN KNOW ABOUT
5 MENINGITIS OUTBREAK. THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMEONE DOWN THERE WHO
6 COULD PASS OUT OR DO WHATEVER TO LET THE COMMUNITY DOWN THERE
7 KNOW BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT. AND THE ISSUE HAVE NOT
8 BEEN BROUGHT UP DOWN THERE. AND TO ME I FEEL LIKE IT SHOULDN'T
9 HAVE TO TAKE FOUR PEOPLE TO DIE IN ORDER FOR SOMETHING TO
10 HAPPEN. AS SOON AS SOMETHING HAPPENED, WE NEED TO AS I WOULD
11 SAY, NIP IT IN THE BUD BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF CONTROL. WITH SO
12 MANY PEOPLE NOT KNOWING THAT THIS IS GOING ON, TO ME IT'S OUT
13 OF CONTROL. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **PAUL BANKE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS PAUL BANKE. LET ME GIVE
18 YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND. I WAS AN ATHLETE FOR 19 YEARS. I WAS
19 A PROFESSIONAL BOXER. APRIL 23RD, '90, BECAME WORLD CHAMPION.
20 I'M THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPION BOXER POSITIVE FOR H.I.V. ON JULY
21 10TH' 95 I TESTED H.I.V. POSITIVE. AUGUST 21ST' 95, THEY GAVE
22 ME FULL-BLOWN A.I.D.S. MY T-CELL COUNT, I WAS BLESSED TO SEE
23 MY KID GROW UP AND HAVE KIDS OF THEIR OWN. BUT I'M HERE TODAY
24 FOR THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK AND JUST TO PUT MY TWO CENTS IN.
25 THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SHELIAH, ARE YOU ON THIS
3 ISSUE? OKAY. CAN YOU WAIT THEN? I'M GOING TO ASK DR. FIELDING
4 IF YOU WILL ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES PARTICULARLY THE ISSUE OF
5 APRIL 11TH AND THE ISSUE OF OUTREACH AS IT RELATES TO MULTIPLE
6 LANGUAGES?

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8 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU VERY
9 MUCH. YES, THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 11TH WAS ONLY THE QUESTION
10 OF EXTENDED HOURS. WE WILL HAVE VACCINE AVAILABLE DURING
11 REGULAR HOURS. AND WE WILL ASSESS IF THERE'S SIGNIFICANT
12 DEMAND FOR EXTENDED HOURS OR WEEKEND HOURS THROUGH APRIL 11TH.
13 WE WILL CONSIDER EXTENDING THE EXTENDED HOURS, AS WELL. BUT
14 THERE IS-- THE VACCINE WILL NOW BE INTEGRATED INTO THE
15 VACCINES THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR CLINICS.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT WHITNEY'S ISSUE AS IT RELATES
18 TO THEIR NOT HAVING ACCESS, THEY HAD TO BUY THEIR OWN? ARE
19 THERE ANY--

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21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** OUR ROLE, SUPERVISOR, IS TO FILL THE
22 GAP SO THAT PEOPLE THAT ARE UNINSURED-- THIS IS COVERED BY,
23 FOR EXAMPLE, RYAN WHITE IS COVERED BY MOST INSURERS. BUT
24 ANYBODY WHO DOES NOT HAVE COVERAGE, WE WILL PROVIDE THE
25 VACCINE. AND YOUR OTHER, SOMEBODY MENTIONED AN ADDITIONAL

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1 CASE. THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT CASES THAT WE'RE AWARE OF THIS
2 YEAR. WE ARE AWARE OF ANOTHER CASE OF MENINGITIS BUT IT'S NOT
3 MENINGOCOCCAL, IT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME PROPERTIES, IS NOT AS
4 CONTAGIOUS AND IT IS NOT PART OF THIS GROUP.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT ISSUES OF MULTIPLE LANGUAGES
7 IN OUTREACH?

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9 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** ALL OF OUR MATERIALS, SUPERVISOR, AS
10 WELL AS THE OPERATORS OF 211 ARE BILINGUAL OR IN ENGLISH AND
11 SPANISH.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT PRINTED MATERIAL?

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15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** PRINTED MATERIAL IS IN ENGLISH AND
16 SPANISH, AS WELL.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT THE ISSUE DOWNTOWN ON SKID
19 ROW THAT THE LADY MENTIONED? THAT THERE'S NO NOTIFICATIONS, NO
20 SIGNS, NOTHING?

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22 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT GROUP IS
23 PARTICULARLY AT RISK. WE CERTAINLY CAN LOOK AT PUTTING UP
24 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THERE, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I THINK ALL AVENUES SHOULD BE
2 EXPLORED AND OUTREACH SHOULD BE, YOU KNOW-- THERE'S NO BETTER
3 WAY TO NIP IT IN THE BUD. DON'T SIT AROUND AND CREATE A
4 COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT IT.

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6 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NO, ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THAT'S WHY WE'VE
7 BEEN PROACTIVE WITH THIS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WELL, AND I THINK THE INFORMATION,
10 TOO. I UNDERSTAND IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INTENTIONAL BUT THE
11 ISSUE DEATHS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE, AN OVERSIGHT
12 THAT WASN'T COMMUNICATED TO THE PUBLIC. SO ONCE THAT HAPPENS,
13 THEN THERE'S CREDIBILITY ISSUES, THERE'S PANIC, THERE'S
14 RUMORS, ALL THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. SO I THINK YOU NEED TO DO
15 WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE INFORMATION, THE
16 OUTREACH IS THERE AND ACCESS TO VACCINES.

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18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WE'RE DOING THAT, SUPERVISOR. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SHELIAH WARD,
22 FOLLOWED BY IRENE PANG, FOLLOWED BY OSCAR MOHAMMED, FOLLOWED
23 BY ARNOLD SACHS. GO AHEAD.

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1 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. AT ANY
2 RATE I'M HERE TO MAKE A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT FIRST OF ALL I
3 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR ALL THE HELP THAT IT'S DONE
4 FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL JUSTICE OF AMERICA AND TO
5 THE GOOD SUPPORT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS DOING AND FOR THE
6 SUPPORT OF STEVE SZOCS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, AND A MISS JOANIE
7 DIAMOND, PSYCHOTHERAPIST, THAT CAME OUT TO OUR MEETING TO HELP
8 WITH THE PEOPLE WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THEM
9 ILLEGALLY, COME TO THE MEETING AT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
10 EQUAL JUSTICE OF AMERICA ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.
11 THIS IS WHERE WE ARE HAVING YOU TO COME. WE DO HAVE SUPPORT
12 NOW. NO, YOU DIDN'T HAVE SUPPORT IN THE PAST. SO YOU NEED TO
13 COME NOW ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEFS WITH THE SHERIFF'S
14 DEPARTMENT OR WITH THE COUNTY ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN. ANOTHER
15 ISSUE IS, THERE WAS A TEACHER THAT WAS IN A FIGHT WITH A
16 STUDENT IN SANTA MONICA. THE TEACHER WAS SUPPOSED TO TEACH,
17 NOT FIGHT WITH STUDENTS. IF I'M TEACHING A CLASS AND ONE OF MY
18 STUDENTS HAD MARIJUANA OR ANY DRUG, THEN I SHOULD CALL THE
19 SECURITY TO COME AND DO THEIR JOB. I'M NOT TEACHER AND
20 SECURITY, OKAY. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THE
21 WAY THE CHILDREN ARE BEING HANDLED. IF A KID IS A CAUCASIAN
22 KID IN SANTA MONICA SCHOOLS AND THEY HAVE METH AMPHETAMINES
23 AND EVERY DRUG, WE'RE NOT SAYING IT'S LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IT'S
24 THE PROCESS IN WHICH IT'S BEING ADDRESSED. IT SHOULD BE EQUAL
25 JUSTICE UNDER THE SUN. IF I HIT MY CHILD, I GO TO JAIL. IF THE

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1 TEACHER HIT THE KID, THE KID GOING TO JAIL AND NOT THE
2 TEACHER? THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT PROCESS. ON MAY THE
3 3RD AT THE PROUDBERG, THERE'S GOING TO BE A MEETING THERE IF
4 YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US WITH THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, CONTACT MR. WEIS ESTERS, 310-918-4047. AND WE MEET
6 AT 600 NORTH ALAMEDA AT 7 P.M. TO 9. AND MR. MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONTACT THE POWERS TO BE TO COME
8 FOR 30 MINUTES EARLIER ON THAT DAY SO THAT WHEN 9:00 COMES
9 WE'RE NOT BEING THROWN OUT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME'S UP.

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13 **IRENE PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M IRENE. I CONCERNED ABOUT THE
14 REVELATION AT TEN ON THE ADDRESS 3129 NAMITAWA STREET AND
15 OTHERS IN THE EL MONTE. RESETTLEMENT ARE NECESSARY BY THE
16 GOVERNMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY CONFIRM AND
17 EXECUTE THEIR POSITION THEIR GOVERNMENT IN HIGHER GOVERNMENT
18 UPON _____. THREE, BY THE LAW, THE PRINCIPLE OF THE LAW _____
19 AND _____ ALL OWE OTHERS THE MONEY, YOU NEED TO PAY. THIS
20 LAW PRINCIPLE EXECUTE OF THE U.S. SAME AS THE OTHER NATIONS.
21 FOUR, PROTECT AND SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT STAFF AND VICTIMS WHO
22 HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE REVELATION, THE INJURY AND ALL THE
23 HEALTH NEED COVER. NUMBER 5, I NEED MY HOUSE. THAT PROJECT OF
24 THE GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE BEEN-- THERE HAVE BEEN LIED TO THE
25 WHITE HOUSE AND THE COUNTRY YEARS AGO. THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR

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1 MY HARD WORKING AND STUDY MANY YEARS WITH THERE. THERE IS
2 IMPORTANT FOR MENTION U.S. STOP THE ARGUMENT BE BETWEEN
3 NATIONS CURRENCY, ENERGY USING AFTER THE FEW CENTURIES OR
4 DECADES, THE HOUSE IS WITNESS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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8 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MUHAMMAD, I SPEAK FOR THE
9 OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT
10 THE JUDGES IN THE FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM. THE FEDERAL JUDGE ARE
11 THE JEWS AND THE JEWS ARE LIARS. WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY
12 TO CHANGE THIS GOVERNMENT. WE SHOULD END CORRUPTION IN
13 GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE AN UNFIT AUTHORITY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT--

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OSCAR, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO, AS OFTEN AS--

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17 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** I GOT MY FREEDOM OF SPEECH. YOU CANNOT VIOLATE
18 ME.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO NOT WISH TO VIOLATE YOU BUT I WISH TO
21 OFFER YOU THE PERSPECTIVE, WHOLESAL CONDEMNATION OF ANY
22 PARTICULAR ETHNIC GROUP IS JUST...

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** INTOLERABLE.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS BAD FORM AND YOU TYPICALLY COME FORWARD
2 AND YOU SAY WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY BUT I DON'T THINK I'VE HEARD
3 YOU PUT DOWN ANY SPECIFIC ETHNIC GROUP.

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5 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** I SPEAK THE TRUTH. AND I HAVE PROOF.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I JUST SIMPLY WANT TO REGISTER THAT
8 CONCERN.

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10 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** BUT I WAS SAYING SO SOME MONTHS BACK ABOUT THE
11 JEWS, ABOUT ISRAEL MAKE BIKES AND THE MOTORCYCLE AND THE FIRST
12 BICYCLE AND THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE WAS MADE IN TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
13 IN THE YEAR 1939. I WAS NOT LYING. I DON'T LIE. BUT, ANYWAY,
14 SOME CAN'T STAND THE TRUTH, BUT, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD TAKE THE
15 HOMELESS PEOPLE OFF OF SKID ROW. SKID ROW ONLY DEVELOPS INTO
16 DEATH ROW. THERE'S NO GROWING IN AMERICA FOR NOBODY. THERE IS
17 NO FUTURE IN AMERICA FOR NOBODY. AMERICA LIVING DAY BY DAY IN
18 THIS END TIME. WE ARE LIVING AT ONE WORLD GOING OUT, ANOTHER
19 WORLD COMING IN. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.
20 WE SHOULD FIND MORE RESPECT. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO ACCEPT
21 HUMAN RIGHTS. HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE ABOVE ALL RIGHTS. AND THE
22 PEOPLE OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH MAYBE SHOULD SPREAD MESSAGE, TRUE
23 MESSAGE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE OUR POLITICAL PEOPLE DO NOT
24 SPREAD ANYTHING TO CORPORATE AMERICA, NOW TELL US THE TRUTH.
25 THERE ARE ONLY TOOLS TO BE USED BY THE PEOPLE WHO OPPRESS THE

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1 WORLD. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO GIVE AFRICAN AMERICAN AN
2 APPETITE FOR EDUCATION, AN APPETITE THAT CAN DEVELOP US FOR
3 TOMORROW. WE SHOULD FIND A WAY FOR UNITY BECAUSE I WAS
4 SPEAKING ONCE ABOUT CHRISTIANITY BUT I WASN'T _____ I
5 SHOULDN'T SAY IT IN PUBLIC, BUT ONE WRITER SAID CHRISTIANITY
6 IS MEN WITHOUT RELIGION AND ISLAM IS RELIGION WITHOUT MEN.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN, JOHN WALSH, RON
9 SMITH AND DAVID SERRANO.

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
12 DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU MIGHT HAVE READ THE EDITORIAL ON
13 SUNDAY'S NEWSPAPER. SPEAK UP, HILDA SOLIS. FASCINATING LITTLE
14 EDITORIAL. BUT IT GOES ON TO DISCUSS PART OF THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS IN AND OF THEMSELVES, HOW THEY'RE ELECTED WITH
16 LITTLE TOKEN OPPOSITION AND ONCE SELECTED THEIR POWERS ARE SO
17 HUGE THAT IT'S NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO UNSEAT THEM REGARDLESS OF
18 THEIR PERFORMANCE. AND I BRING THAT UP BECAUSE THAT WAS ON
19 SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH. ON MONDAY, APRIL 7TH, SCANDALS PROMPTS
20 REFORM PLANS. LAWMAKERS OF CANDIDATES SEEK TO STRENGTHEN
21 ETHICS. BUT IF YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE YOUR SUPERVISORS ARE
22 BASICALLY ANOINTED TO OFFICE, WHAT KIND OF ETHICS ARE YOU
23 INVOLVED IN? AND THIS IS AN OLDIE BUT GOODIE. THIS IS FROM
24 4/1/14, THIS IS THE QUESTION FROM THE WEEK. HOW CAN CALIFORNIA
25 PREVENT CORRUPTION? WELL, YOU COULD HAVE THE MEDIA ASK

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1 QUESTIONS OF THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND QUESTION
2 PERFORMANCES. AND THEN THIS ONE IS FROM MARCH 26TH, "HOW PUTIN
3 CLEARED PATH TO CRIMEA." THE QUASHING OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION
4 IN INDEPENDENT MEDIA HAS LEFT NO ONE TO CHALLENGE THE
5 DECISIONS. BOY, THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU
6 ELIMINATE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA EXCEPT FOR A
7 MASSIVE THREE MINUTES AND TWO MINUTES ON PUBLIC COMMENT. WHY?
8 ARE YOU RUNNING SCARED? YOU'RE ANOINTED LEADERS. THE
9 DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, OH, BY THE WAY, SOUNDS LIKE NAZI GERMANY.
10 THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW. SPECIAL. NEXT?

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14 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
15 DISTRICT 3 AND ALSO A CANDIDATE FOR THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL
16 DISTRICT. TODAY I WANTED TO, A) ECHO MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE
17 MENINGITIS SITUATION. I THINK IT HAS NOW BEEN FULLY COVERED BY
18 THE FOLKS WHO CAME DOWN TO MAKE IT CLEAR, BUT I DO THINK IT'S
19 IMPORTANT TO REACH OUT TO SKID ROW AND MAKE SURE THAT THAT
20 AWARENESS IS IN PLACE. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE BUYING YARD
21 SIGNS NOW FOR THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS AROUND. WE SHOULD FIND THE
22 RESOURCES, WITHOUT FAIL, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORD IS CLEAR
23 ABOUT THAT AND THAT THE VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AND THAT
24 THE TIME LIMITATIONS ARE NOT HARD AND FAST SO THAT YOU CAN GET
25 THE HELP YOU NEED. ANYWAY, THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE. YOU

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1 KNOW, MR. SACHS IS IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA, SURPRISINGLY,
2 BUT AFGHANISTAN HAS REPORTED THAT 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE CAME
3 OUT. THIS IS A LOT BETTER THAN L.A. COUNTY, AS YOU WELL KNOW.
4 AND WE'RE EXPECTING AN ELECTION JUNE 3RD, PRIMARY ELECTION.
5 AND IF WE GET 60 PERCENT, I WILL PROPERLY EAT MY HAT RIGHT
6 HERE IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBER. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN.
7 BUT WE ARE TRYING DESPERATELY TO BRING SOME ATTENTION TO THIS.
8 AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE DOING, THE CANDIDATES AND MYSELF
9 IS TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT FACE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND
10 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS PRESIDING OVER ONE SORT OF THIRD
11 DISTRICT SET AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA OVER THE FIRST DISTRICT.
12 THERE ARE SOME VALLEY UPCOMING DEBATES AND FORUMS THAT
13 REGRETTABLY, MAYBE MR. BELLMAN COULD HELP ON THIS, THAT WERE
14 DECIDED IN ADVANCE OF SOME OF THE CHARACTERS ENTERING THE
15 RACE. I'M A VALLEY RESIDENT FOR 29 YEARS. I WOULD LOVE TO
16 PARTICIPATE IN THE SHERMAN OAKS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION GROUP.
17 I THINK ZEV IS PHOTOGRAPHED ON THEIR WEBSITE. MAYBE HE COULD
18 HELP OPEN THAT ONE UP A BIT. AND THERE IS ALSO A CHAMBER OF
19 COMMERCE DEBATE THAT I THINK IS A GOOD FORUM TO HEAR FROM THE
20 RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE VALLEY, DEAL WITH THE NOISE
21 POLLUTION ISSUES WE'RE DEALING WITH SOMETIMES, THE VENTURA
22 BOULEVARD ISSUES, THE PARKING, THE PRICE. WE HAVE A RED LINE
23 AND AN ORANGE LINE. WE HAVE THINGS WE'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT,
24 TOO, IN THE VALLEY. I'M HOPING THE DOORS WILL OPEN. I JUST

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1 WANT TO SAY THAT THE BOARD TODAY HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONY FROM
2 LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR, I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

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8 **JOHN WALSH:** MR. SERRANO, DIDN'T YOU MENTION HIM FIRST?

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:.**

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12 **NO, I MENTIONED YOU FIRST.**

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14 **>>JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG
15 OR JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL OR YOU CAN TWEET, I'M TWEETING AT
16 @HOLLYWOODDEMS. OKAY. THIS IS THE ISSUE NOW. AND ANYBODY BUT
17 SHRIVER FOR SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE INFECTIOUS MENINGITIS THIS
18 ISN'T LIKE A.I.D.S. WHERE YOU HAVE TO HAVE RECTAL SEX TO CATCH
19 IT. SOMEONE CAN COUGH IN YOUR FACE AND IT'S AIRBORNE. AND YOU
20 CAN END UP-- THERE ARE EIGHT PEOPLE WITH DEATH BED MENINGITIS.
21 ONE OF THOSE EIGHT PEOPLE IS A TEACHER AT L.A.U.S.D. WHO HAS
22 EXPOSED MANY STUDENTS. IF THAT'S NOT TRUE, YOU CAN DESTROY MY
23 CREDIBILITY BY HAVING DEASY, WHO REFUSES TO ANSWER, WHAT
24 PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR THE 600,000 STUDENTS IN THE
25 DISTRICT? AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING VACCINATE EVERY SINGLE

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1 STUDENT. NOW, YOU'RE GIVING FREE VACCINATIONS TO GAY MEN. BUT
2 WHEN IT COMES TO STUDENTS, 600,000 WHO ARE MOSTLY HISPANIC AND
3 BLACK, YOU ARE LOOKING THE OTHER WAY. THERE ARE 600,000 THAT
4 THE TEACHER, L.A.U.S.D. TEACHER HAS BEEN THREE WEEKS IN
5 INTENSIVE CARE IN A HOSPITAL. I BROUGHT THIS UP TO THE RACISTS
6 AT THE L.A. TIMES, THE RACIST REPORTER, HOWARD BLUM, SAID HE'S
7 NOT INTERESTED. AND THE RACIST EDITOR, THE BON MAHARAJAH "I'M
8 COLORED, TOO, I'M ALLOWED TO HATE BLACK PEOPLE" HE SAYS
9 NOTHING, EITHER. RIGHT NOW IF YOUR KID IS IN L.A.U.S.D., THE
10 KID MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO MENINGITIS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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14 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST, CREATED HEAVEN AND
15 THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. REALITY IS JESUS CHRIST IS GOD, THE
16 CREATOR OF EVERYTHING CREATED, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. CHRISTIANS
17 HAVE THE FINAL VICTORY BECAUSE GOD GIVES US THE FINAL VICTORY.
18 ULTIMATELY, THE WORLD WILL BE CHRISTIAN AND THEN THE WORLD
19 WILL LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY, HALLELUJAH, AMEN. ISLAMIC
20 LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED WAS BORN IN SAUDI
21 ARABIA. THE ALLAH OF THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED SAID MUSLIMS MUST AND
22 WILL LIVE ACCORDING TO SHARIA LAW. THE LAW OF THE MUSLIM
23 MOHAMMED SAID ALL MUSLIMS WHO ARE THIEVES MUST HAVE THEIR HAND
24 AMPUTATED. FURTHERMORE, IN SAUDI ARABIA AND YEMEN, THERE IS NO
25 MINIMUM AGE IN MARRIAGE BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST SHARIA LAW TO

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1 HAVE A MINIMUM AGE IN MARRIAGE. ACCORDING TO SHARIA LAW, A MAN
2 IS ALLOWED TO HAVE UP TO FOUR WIVES. AND A MUSLIM IS ALLOWED
3 TO MARRY A FEMALE OF ANY AGE, EVEN AN INFANT SO LONG AS THEY
4 HAVE PARENTS' PERMISSION. SO A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN WITH ONE WIFE
5 ALREADY CAN MARRY A FOUR-YEAR-OLD LITTLE GIRL AND THEN
6 PRACTICE FAYIN [PH?] HER. THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED MARRIED AISHA
7 WHEN SHE WAS SIX YEARS OF AGE, AND THEN THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED
8 PRACTICED FAYIN ON HER UNTIL SHE WAS NINE YEARS OF AGE AND
9 THEN THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED HAD INTERCOURSE WITH THIS LITTLE
10 NINE-YEAR-OLD CHILD WIFE-BRIDE AISHA. THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED IS A
11 FALSE PROFIT. DISOBEDIENT WIVES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BEATEN BY
12 MUSLIMS. AND HOMOSEXUALS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BEATEN AND EVEN
13 KILLED ACCORDING TO SHARIA LAW. REALITY IS: SHARIA LAW IS
14 EVIL. REALITY IS THE ALLAH OF THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED IS SATAN THE
15 SERPENT. ALL MUSLIMS DIE BURN IN THE LAKE OF FIRE.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU STOP?

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19 **DAVID SERRANO:** ALL MUSLIMS WILL GO TO THEIR DESTRUCTION.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP FOR A SECOND.

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23 **DAVID SERRANO:** THAT IS REALITY. THAT IS REALITY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS APPROPRIATE UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT,
2 MR. KRATTLI?

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4 **DAVID SERRANO:** THAT IS SHARIA LAW AS IT IS APPLIED IN OTHER--

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU KNOCK IT OFF FOR A SECOND.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU. WE ARE NOT ASKING
9 YOU.

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11 **JOHN KRATTLI:** YOUR BOARD, PUBLIC COMMENT UNDER THE BROWN ACT
12 IS RESTRICTED AND APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSSIONS OF MATTERS WITHIN
13 THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF YOUR BOARD. AND CERTAINLY
14 THE COMMENTS THAT WERE JUST OFFERED DO NOT FALL WITHIN THAT--
15 THAT PROVISION OF THE BROWN ACT AND ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR YOUR
16 BOARD TO ENTERTAIN THEM.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S UP.
19 ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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21 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I BELIEVE THERE'S A REQUEST TO
22 CONTINUE ITEM C.S.-2 FOR ONE WEEK.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY.

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1 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT
4 HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
5 AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION APRIL 8, 2014**

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5 In open session, item CS-1 was continued two weeks to April
6 22, 2014.

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8 In open session, item CS-2 was continued one week to April 15,
9 2014.

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11 No reportable action was taken on item CS-3.

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